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HONGKONG FLOOD DISASTER.

Unprecedented Downpour Causes Widespread Havoc.

BUILDINGS WRECKED: LIVES LOST.

BUSINESS DISTRICT COMPLETELY INUNDATED.

Hongkong has to-day been visited by one of the most disastrous floods in its history. A continuous torrential downpour of rain converted hillside roads into roaring cataracts, swept down to the City level tons of rocks, earth and debris and flooded the main roads of the town with a brown flood to a depth of several feet.

This followed one of the most intense electrical storms ever experienced either here or elsewhere, according to residents acquainted with all parts of the world.

Serious collapses of houses and roads have been reported, a fire cracker factory at Kowloon City has been blown up as the result of lightning, whilst the pumping station on Pokfulam Road has been buried under tons of debris, and the lives of five Chinese workers lost.

Thousands of dollars of damage must have been caused, and the Colony's business has been virtually at a standstill all day.

THE BEGINNING.

Yesterday afternoon, soon after five o'clock, the first indications were given that the typhoon, which had earlier in the day passed to the south of the Colony, was to give us some of its rain. Heavy rain fell intermittently during the evening, and matters got worse soon after midnight, when a thunderstorm developed. As the night wore on, this storm intensified to a degree beyond that remembered by even the oldest residents. Vivid lightning and heavy thunder were practically continuous, and a downpour of rain accompanied by strong gusts of wind brought conditions comparable to those of a typhoon. Practically all night long the storm raged with but little abatement, reaching its climax so far as heavy rain was concerned, between eight and nine o'clock this morning. Few, if any of the Colony's residents had spent anything other than a wakeful night, and for many of them the storm had brought either serious mishap or much inconvenience.

INEVITABLE DISLOCATION.

Everything has been dislocated. There were no Peak Tramway-cars running because of heavy falls of earth across the line; there were no lower level tram cars because Des Voeux Road and Queen's Road were flooded to a depth of two and three feet; and all those residents and workers who have succeeded in getting into their offices to-day have had to wade through rivers of mud.

Never before in the history of big floods in this Colony have conditions approximated to those experienced to-day. It has not been possible for all of The Telegraph's staff, either European or native, to get to office to-day, and we must, therefore, ask our readers indulgence and sympathy if this issue bears the impress of hurried work and hastily gathered details.

HILLSIDE CATARACTS.

As usual, all of the damage and flooding arose from the streams of water that poured down the hill roads like mountain torrents. The normal drainage proved utterly inadequate to carry off the storm water. The Peak Road was well-nigh impassable in parts, and lower down the hillside, such roads as Garden Road, Ice House Street, Zetland Street, Wyndham Street, D'Aguiar Street and Wellington Street became deluges of flood water. It is almost impossible in mere words, to convey the scenes on these roads. A huge landslide on Caine Road at the top of

Queen's Road and Des Voeux Road were flooded to a great depth, shops and ground-floor offices being inundated. By the corner of Ice House Street and Queen's Road (by the Hongkong Electric Company's showroom) there was a raging torrent that was sweeping feet high across the road and emptying its flood down the lower portion of Ice House Street. At the Wyndham Street corner there was another torrent, large pieces of masonry and big slabs of paving being washed down into Pedder Street, which was also already torn about by the force of rushing waters. Even down to Des Voeux Road much debris and sand had been carried and there were fully two feet of water running over the road on its way to the Praya.

Water fully six feet deep flooded Queen's Road near Wanchai, as the big nullah which passes down by the side of Murray Barracks burst its sides.

FIVE LIVES LOST.

DISASTER AT PUMPING STATION.

Up to the present, the most serious occurrence that can be ascertained is the collapse of No. 3 pumping station, at Pokfulam Road, which is now buried under a huge fall of earth.

It was about 10 a.m. when an urgent call for assistance came through that the pumping station had been buried under a big landslide, and that the bodies of men of the engine room and boiler room staff were buried in the debris. Our representative learned that fire engines were sent to the scene and they were making every effort to extricate the unfortunate men. It is not known at present how many men were on duty, the number is believed to be at least five or six. Apparently the landslide was of huge dimensions, and blocked the roads above the station, making

them impassable. Later news shows that five Chinese were killed through the collapse of a portion of the rear wall of the pumping station. The larger engine was wrecked and the smaller one was damaged to some extent.

Visiting the scene later in the day, a Telegraph reporter was enabled to appreciate the serious nature of the disaster.

An enormous boulder, weighing anywhere between 500 and 1,000 tons, had been dislodged from the top of the hillside. At about nine o'clock this morning the whole district was shaken by a rumble, accompanied by a tremendous uproar, as the boulder slid down the hillside, and, gathering impetus, charged into the rear of the engine house of the pumping station. Trees standing in the way were simply obliterated. A storehouse where there was stocked a supply of waterpipes was crushed like a matchbox, two workmen who were working in it being killed outright. The enormous mass of rock then came to rest after crashing through the rear of the main engine house. The main engine was completely wrecked, whilst two fitters in attendance were also killed. The resident engineer, Mr. Tacchi, had a fortunate escape, by being a few minutes behind his usual hour to go into the engine room.

The whole plant is now put out of commission. Cracks have developed in the walls, which, however, still remain intact. The main supply pipes are wrecked, and the supplying of water to the Peak, the mid-levels and the whole of the western lower district is now cut off.

Four workmen who were in the main storeroom had miraculous escapes from serious injury. The roof of the storeroom came down, but the walls still remain intact.

Four men succumbed to injuries on being brought out of the ruins. The body of a fifth victim still remains under the boulder.

ABERDEEN SWAMPED.

FEARED LOSS OF LIFE.

From Aberdeen it is learned that the whole of the village is under four feet of water, and it is believed that many junks have either been washed away or wrecked there. Huts and buildings have been demolished, and many inhabitants are homeless. A rumour is in circulation that an empty motor boat has been picked up. One of the godowns of the papers mills was practically swept away, but no one was hurt.

HAVOC ON ROADS.

Many roads have been either washed away, or blocked with earth and stones, or trees. All Peak Roads have been transformed into miniature water falls, and several people who had the hardihood to walk down to town, owing to the rains, not running, did so with a good deal of peril. Cascades of water are leaping over the edges of the road, and one European, who was swept off his feet by the torrents, narrowly escaped serious injury. As it was he was only slightly hurt.

RECORD-RAINFALL.

17 INCHES IN SIX HOURS.

The rainfall from 10 a.m. on Sunday to 10 a.m. to-day was 21.43 inches which is a record in some respects for the Colony. The greatest fall was from midnight on Sunday.

Below is the hourly fall for the worst period of the storm.

11.30 to 12.30	.01 inches
12.30 to 1.30	.05 "
1.30 to 2.30	.54 "
2.30 to 3.30	1.89 "
3.30 to 4.30	3.96 "
4.30 to 5.30	2.90 "
5.30 to 6.30	2.64 "
6.30 to 7.30	2.00 "
7.30 to 8.30	2.24 "
8.30 to 9.30	3.20 "
9.30 to 10.30	1.04 "

The storm was caused by the typhoon going ashore 80 miles from Hongkong and then filling up, and although not a record storm, is easily comparable with that of July 15, 1886 which was certainly no worse and one in May, 1889.

It was far worse than the big storm of October 1923, which is still fresh in the public mind and when about 10 inches of rain fell. The present rainfall beats at least two records. The previous maximum for a July day was 13.48 inches on July 15, 1886, a record beaten by nearly eight inches.

The maximum rainfall for any date previously was 20.4 inches on May 30, 1889. The record fall 24 hours, set up in 1889, when 29.14 inches between 6 a.m. May 29 to 6 a.m. on May 30, has not been beaten.

Writing at noon the Observatory reported that the rain would probably continue for several more hours although not so heavily as during the worst part of the storm.

CRACKER FACTORY EXPLODES.

ALARMING REPORTS FROM KOWLOON.

Alarming reports of a heavy death toll at a cracker factory explosion at Kowloon City were proved to be unfounded when a representative of the Telegraph visited the scene this morning.

The factory is known as the Kwong Man Loong, and shortly after four o'clock this morning it was struck by lightning on the South-west side, when the storm was at its height. A thick wall having an area of about 60 square feet was hurled in all directions, but only fifteen feet away some women, who had been sleeping in the building, were unharmed. Realising that they were now in a place of extreme danger, they ran to the men's quarters and sought safety.

The building which was struck, was used as a store room for manufactured crackers, and when struck by lightning there was a lurid display as the fireworks exploded. The building soon caught fire, and owing to the high wind the flames rapidly spread to the main building.

Another fire started in a small store building on the south-east side almost simultaneously and the roof was blown off by the explosion. Every house in the immediate vicinity felt a distinct shock. The Fire Brigade received a call about 5 a.m. and mainly directed their efforts to keeping the flames from spreading.

The offices and men's quarters which face Kowloon City Road were saved. At noon firemen were still playing on the smouldering embers of the gutted buildings.

The Kennedy Road vicinity presents a scene of havoc. Several landslides have occurred there, and the nullahs are broken. The bottom part of one of the houses there has been washed entirely away. At this place the water was breast high.

HAPPY VALLEY FLOODED.

A SCENE OF UTTER DISOLATION.

The topographical formation of Happy Valley is such as to make the locality one peculiarly liable to heavy rains with consequent disastrous results to the Race Course. Rarely if ever, have such torrential rains been witnessed as those of last night. The deluge of two years ago, notable as it was, was eclipsed as rain poured down incessantly, accompanied by thunder and lightning which played without a break.

Under these conditions it did not take long for the depression of the Valley to fill up, and the breaking of dawn disclosed a scene of utter desolation. Where the Race Course used to be, a lake had formed overnight, its surface reaching as high as the railings, and its waters extending to the uttermost limits of the Course.

All the recreation grounds were submerged, while Club members stood out of the water like ancient lake-dwellings. Every slope and gradient to all intents and purposes was but part of an admirable watershed system.

Wongneichong Road, and, in fact, all roads in the Valley were submerged, making walking abroad under those conditions an extremely hazardous venture.

The worst conditions obtained at the eastern end of the Valley where the water reached waist-

TO PEAK RESIDENTS.

Water Must Be Conserved.

We are asked by the Water Authority to state that in consequence of the disaster at the pumping station, the taking of baths by residents of Conduit Road, Robinson Road and all the Peak district must cease at once, whilst the absolute minimum of water must be used for cooking purposes.

No water from the mains should be used for flushing purposes, and residents are advised to catch as much rainwater as they can. All water, should, moreover, be boiled before use.

At the moment the water to the Peak has been cut off and there is very little in the storage reservoirs. The utmost care must be used, and residents are even asked when returning from town to take as many bottles of water with them to the Peak that they can secure.

Cars were washed into the middle of the roadway, whilst a swirling stream was the only visible indication of where the course of the nullah from Wongneichong Gap ran.

Completely overwhelmed by the floods, it was not yet possible this morning to ascertain what improvement had been obtainable by the widening, only recently completed, of the lower end of the nullah which runs along the outer edge of the race-course.

One fact was made apparent, however, that whatever extensive provisions had been made thus far, they were entirely inadequate to cope with the phenomenal deluge.

The disastrous nature of this experience may be gauged from the fact that the outer wall of the Jockey Club premises has been brought down along a stretch of over thirty feet.

On the opposite side of the road the wall of the Protestant Cemetery has also been washed down the resulting debris being washed across the roadway, completely blocking all traffic.

The same state of affairs obtained all through the route to town. Deprived of the usual tramway services, residents had to make their way as best they could to town. The way lay along flooded areas, and when that part of Queen's Road East, outside the Naval Yard, was reached, the water reached breast-high. (Continued on Page 7.)

NEWS FROM CANTON.

SOME INTERESTING ITEMS.

Canton, July 17.

The Customs situation seems to have cleared up, and probably there will be no trouble in the future. For some time the Commissioner, Colonel Hayley Bell, has been staying at the Custom House night and day, the writer is informed, fearing that at any moment trouble might break out. The *Ching Chai*, or office employees, also slept and had their meals there for some days, but the writer has been told that all these men now return to their homes at night, and are not being molested on coming to or leaving the Custom House.

MORE CHANGES.

Lau Shiu-wing has succeeded Chan Kung-pok as head of the Peasants and Labourers' Bureau, and has already taken up his new office. Mr. Chan expects to leave within the next few days for the North to carry on propaganda work. All this work will be under his control. Kuomintang organisations will be established, speakers will address audiences, and a great quantity of literature will be distributed in Hunan and other provinces which the Nationalist Army may enter.

After Wu Han-min left Canton, Ng Che-fai took his place as head of the Labour Department of the Kuomintang. It is understood that he has now resigned, and that Chan Shiu-yan has been appointed his successor.

It is also rumoured that Au Yeung-ku, commander of the 17th Division, who recently took General Wu Te-shen's vacant post, will be dismissed from office because it is said that he is still loyal to General Wu.

UNION TROUBLE.

Carrying the corpses of two of the toothbrush makers who were killed a few days ago in a battle with members of another organisation of workers, representatives of 170 Unions on the 15th inst. marched to the Central Kuomintang Headquarters, the Government Building, the office of the Military Command, and to the office of the Peasants, and Labourers' Bureau to present a protest against the activities of certain labour bodies that refuse to co-operate with the recognised Unions. The arrest of Chan Sum, head of the Kwangtung Labour Union, the organisation which includes all the "rebellious" elements, was demanded. It is thought that the Government may abolish the Kwangtung Labour Union, and it is also reported that Chan Sum has fled.

GERMAN SHIPPING INCIDENT.

Strike headquarters, it is said, have taken up with the German Consul, through the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the cases of two German merchant vessels which, it is claimed, visited Hongkong on their way to Canton. The Consul has been urged to instruct his nationals not to violate the strike regulations in the future. Any vessel visiting Hongkong, according to the strike rules, will be fined \$3,000.

DEATH OF MRS. FRASER.

PASSES AWAY AT KOWLOON HOSPITAL.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Fraser, the wife of Mr. J. A. Fraser, District Officer North, which took place at Kowloon Hospital yesterday.

Mrs. Fraser was removed from her home at Tai-po to the Kowloon Hospital. Before her marriage she was Dr. Alice Turner.

BOYCOTT SETTLEMENT TALK.

LATEST REPORTS FROM CANTON.

PICKETS STILL BUSY.

A Canton correspondent says it is hard to say what the prevailing sentiment is among the Chinese there regarding the likelihood of a successful termination of the boycott. However, the fact that very few Chinese went to Hongkong when the peace negotiations were first talked of, but that they are now going to and from Hongkong in greater numbers would seem to show that most people are fairly optimistic. There is no doubt, that labourers as well as merchants want to see the end of the boycott, but there is a question whether the strike leaders will willingly submit to a settlement that does not give working men some financial consideration.

The same correspondent says that river pickets are attempting to prohibit all Chinese boats from passing Pakhoktung at night, so as to prevent the taking of provisions and passengers to Hongkong steamers. So far, this blockade does not seem to have been very successful, for the writer has seen a number of Chinese cargo boats that have reached the Fatshan and Lungshan during the past several days, and since the Canton schools closed there have been daily a great many students as well as other Chinese who have gone aboard the Hongkong boats.

INDIAN TROUBLES.

VIGOROUS DISCLAIMER BY LORD IRWIN.

London, July 18.

Speaking at a banquet at the Chelmsford Club which was founded to promote friendly intercourse between the communities of India, The Viceroy Lord Irwin, dealt exhaustively with the present communal troubles in India.

He vigorously disclaimed the insinuations that the Government was indifferent to or even welcomed these disorders and dwelt on the measures taken by the Central Government in conjunction with the Local Governments to cope with the situation, and the impartiality of the authorities, and the general appeals for tolerance and of the forbearance.—*Reuter*.

FRENCH CRISIS.

M. HERMIOT TO FORM A CABINET.

M. Herriot has agreed to try and form a Cabinet.—*Reuter*.

COBHAM'S FLIGHT.

ARRIVAL AT KARACHI.

Karachi, July 18. Cobham has arrived at Karachi.—*Reuter*.

The premises of Ye Olde Printerie, situate in China Building, were badly flooded, machines and big stocks of paper being inundated. The damage is estimated at fully \$10,000.

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POLICE REPORT.

REDUCTION IN CRIME LAST YEAR.

Annual Review.

The annual report of the Captain Superintendent of Police, just published, shows that the total number of cases reported to the Police during the year 1925 was 16,783 as against 17,569 in 1924 being a decrease of 786 or 4.4 per cent. The average for the last five years is 14,947.

There were 3,771 serious cases in 1925 as against 4,509 serious cases in 1924, a decrease of 738 cases or 16.4 per cent. There were 13,012 minor cases in 1925 as against 13,060 in 1924, a decrease of 48 cases or 0.4 per cent.

Among the serious cases were 58 burglaries, 75 of housebreaking, 2,065 of larceny, three of manslaughter, 23 of murder, 10 of attempted murder and 17 of robbery with assault. There were 62 cases of embezzlement, 17 of forgery, five of arson, 11 of uttering forged bank notes and three of piracy.

Of cases of crime connected with the strike there were 55, of which 30 were border outrages, five of throwing bombs and 22 of possession of seditious documents.

Piracy continued to be a serious menace during the year. Seventeen cases in all were reported, the value of the cargo stolen being estimated at \$101,474 and the number of persons kidnapped at 60. Only three of these piracy cases occurred in British waters, the most serious being that of the Hong Wah, between Singapore and Hongkong on which 34 pirates embarked at Singapore as passengers, forcing the captain to take the ship to Blas Bay where she was looted of cargo and personal property of the passengers to the value of \$53,360.

Deportations. The number of persons deported from Hongkong during the year was 1,264. During the latter half of the year the police had to face what was probably the most difficult situation which had arisen during the history of the force. The morale of the Chinese Contingent (both Land and Water) had been improved by the experiences of 1922. During the Seamen's Strike in the latter year there had been a tendency to a passive and non-committal attitude. In 1925 good and energetic work was done, especially by the Chinese Detective Staff, and a number of arrests were made of intimidators. A gratifying feature was the very low number of desertions. Out of 533 Cantonese Police (Regular Duty men and detectives) there were 3 desertions attributed to the Strike. Out of 353 men of the Wei Hai Wei Contingent, 5 deserted. One man is said to have joined the Whampoa Cadets. From the Chinese Water Police 14 men absented themselves. The latter number compared very favourably with the losses sustained by other Government Departments with Harbour Staffs. The full service of Police Patrol Launches was maintained throughout the year.

Auxiliary Organizations. The almost entire interruption of communication with Canton from August onwards, enabled the Police to exercise a much closer supervision than is normally possible over all arrivals in the Colony. The special auxiliary organizations assisted in a better watch being kept in the streets both by day and night. The Labour Protection Bureau which was formed for dealing with intimidators did most useful work both in this and other directions. Apart from the favourable conditions, from a Police point of view, existing during the latter part of the year, the breaking up of several gangs of armed robbers, notably one in the Kowloon City District,

ALMOST A TRAGEDY.

CHINESE ATHLETES' ADVENTURE.

Two well-known Chinese sportsmen, members of the South China Athletic Association, Messrs. Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-Kit, went out rowing yesterday afternoon in a small boat taken from the S.C.A.A. bathing shed at North Point, and became involved in the severe rain squall which sprang up towards six o'clock. At first there were no fears for their safety, but as time passed and they failed to return, the greatest anxiety was felt, and search parties were organized.

A launch of the Water Police department was engaged in the patrol of the vicinity and harbour area, but up to a late hour last night nothing had been discovered to shed any light on the fate of the two men, and the worst was feared.

About ten o'clock, however, the two missing oarsmen landed in Kowloon Bay, where they had been swept by the storm, little the worse for a perilous adventure.

Thrilling Trip.

A thrilling story of their trip was told by Mr. Yew on his return.

When they were nearing Cust Rocks, a heavy squall developed, rendering rowing a difficult task.

Though visibility was bad, the small lighthouse inside Kowloon Bay could be seen in the distance, and it was thought that they might possibly reach the lighthouse by a strenuous effort. Realising however, the danger of approaching the rocks in such heavy seas, they had no alternative but to drift, hoping for the best. By good fortune more than anything, the dinghy drifted further into Kowloon Bay. On reaching calmer waters they set to and rowed ashore, and at once searched for shelter.

They called at a farmer's house and sought a suit of clothing each, being provided with a suit of dirty and ragged clothes, and received with indifference.

The two victims of the storm asked to be directed to Kowloon, and were told to follow the seashore. After some three hours walking they arrived at Kowloon City, where they telephoned their safety to their many anxious friends.

The two adventurers managed to borrow their bus fare to Yaumati, where they went to the house of a friend and, attired in a more respectable outfit, returned to Hongkong late last night.

materially contributed to the decrease in Serious Crime. A large number of Special Constables did excellent work during the acute period of the Strike and Boycott.

Speaking of the crimes connected with the strike the Captain Superintendent of Police mentions the murder of a Chinese pork butcher, the throwing of a bomb into the premises of Wing Kee on Connaught Road, the bomb thrown into the compound of the Yaumati police station, the trying time along the border when the police were forbidden to reply when fired on, which orders "were subsequently modified with good results." Many other cases are recorded.

Commendations.

A large number of commendations were made during the year, some for the arrest of notorious criminals, others for rescuing would-be suicides, two Chinese and one Indian policemen were commended for assisting 1,500 to escape from a burning theatre, others for services rendered at the Fo Hing Fong disaster, a European constable for entering a man-hole full of sewer gas and rescuing two men, and many others.

JAPANESE SQUADRON.

DEPARTURE FOR SINGAPORE ON SATURDAY.

Expressions of gratitude for the hospitality extended to them during their stay in the Colony were contained in a telegram from Vice-Admiral Yamamoto, of the Japanese Imperial Training Squadron, to His Excellency the Governor, after the departure of the two training ships on Saturday morning for Singapore.

The telegram took the following form:

His Excellency The Governor, Hongkong.

On leaving Hongkong I wish to express my gratitude to your Excellency for the hospitality shown us all during our visit.—Vice-Admiral Yamamoto.

On the day following the arrival of the training ships, His Excellency the Governor and Lady Clementi entertained at luncheon His Excellency Vice-Admiral Yamamoto, H.I.H. Prince Fushimi, and H.I.H. Prince Yamashina, Captain Uyemura and Inouye and Lieut. Mizuno.

On Thursday, the 15th instant, His Excellency Vice-Admiral

RIOT IN JAPAN.

A GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE STORMED.

Tokyo, July 18.

According to a report from Nagano, in Central Japan, a riot broke out there this morning, resulting in the Prefectural Governor's residence being stormed and the Governor himself being seriously wounded.—Reuter.

Yamamoto, their Imperial Highnesses Prince Fushimi and Prince Yamashina, and the Officers and cadets of H.I.J.M. Ships Izumo and Yakumo were the guests of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Clementi at a garden party at Mountain Lodge, when over 100 guests were invited to meet them.

On the 16th instant, His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern and attended by Captain C. H. Steele, M.C., A.D.C., was the guest of H. E. the Vice-Admiral at dinner on board the Japanese flag-ship.

On the morning of the 17th Captain Steele, representing H.E. the Governor, paid a farewell call on the Training Squadron.

THE PHILIPPINES.

COL. THOMPSON ON HIS MISSION.

Manila, July 17.

The first intimation of the nature of Col. Thompson's report to President Coolidge was given today when Col. Thompson told the Legislature that the undeveloped resources of the Philippines must be developed, particularly its rubber potentialities. He said that the United States was forced to look to the Pacific where, in the future, commercial interests would be paramount. However, development must be primarily for the Filipinos and exploitation was unthinkable.—Reuter.

COBHAM'S FLIGHT.

TAKES OFF FROM BUNDER ABBAS.

Karachi, July 18.

Cobham left Bunder Abbas at 3.45 Greenwich time to-day.—Reuter.

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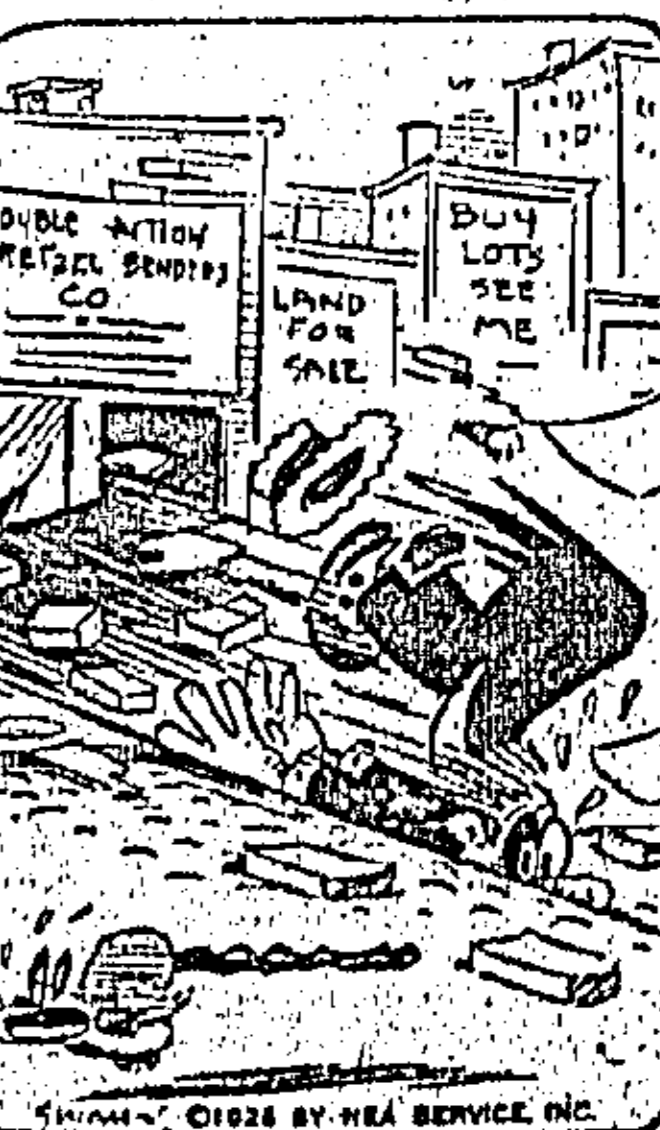
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WAR REFUGEES IN PEKING.—Peking is crowded with women and children war refugees. Most of the men have been returned to the farms to work, but the capital still has hundreds of dependent women and children who fled from their homes when their districts were invaded by the Shantung and Fengtien soldiers. This group is housed at a refugee shelter near the Foreign Office.

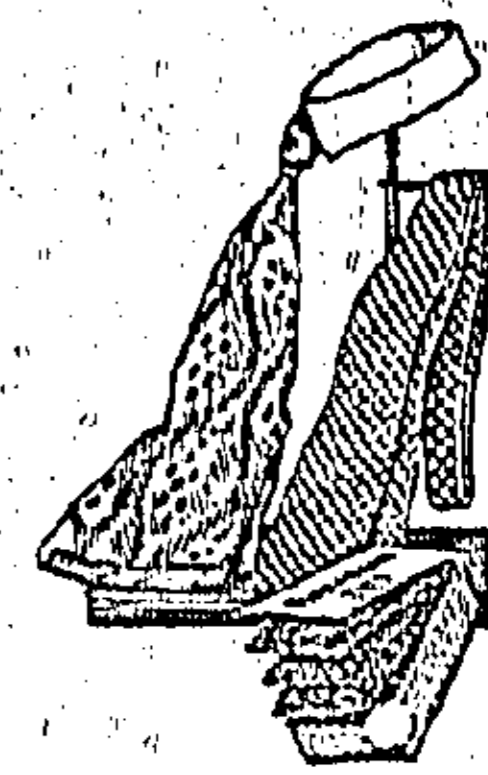


PRINCE AND "WIZARD."—Crown Prince Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden had a good time when he called on Thomas Edison, at East Orange, N. J. The prince, who is a scientist as well as future king, was intensely interested in Edison's laboratory and experiments.

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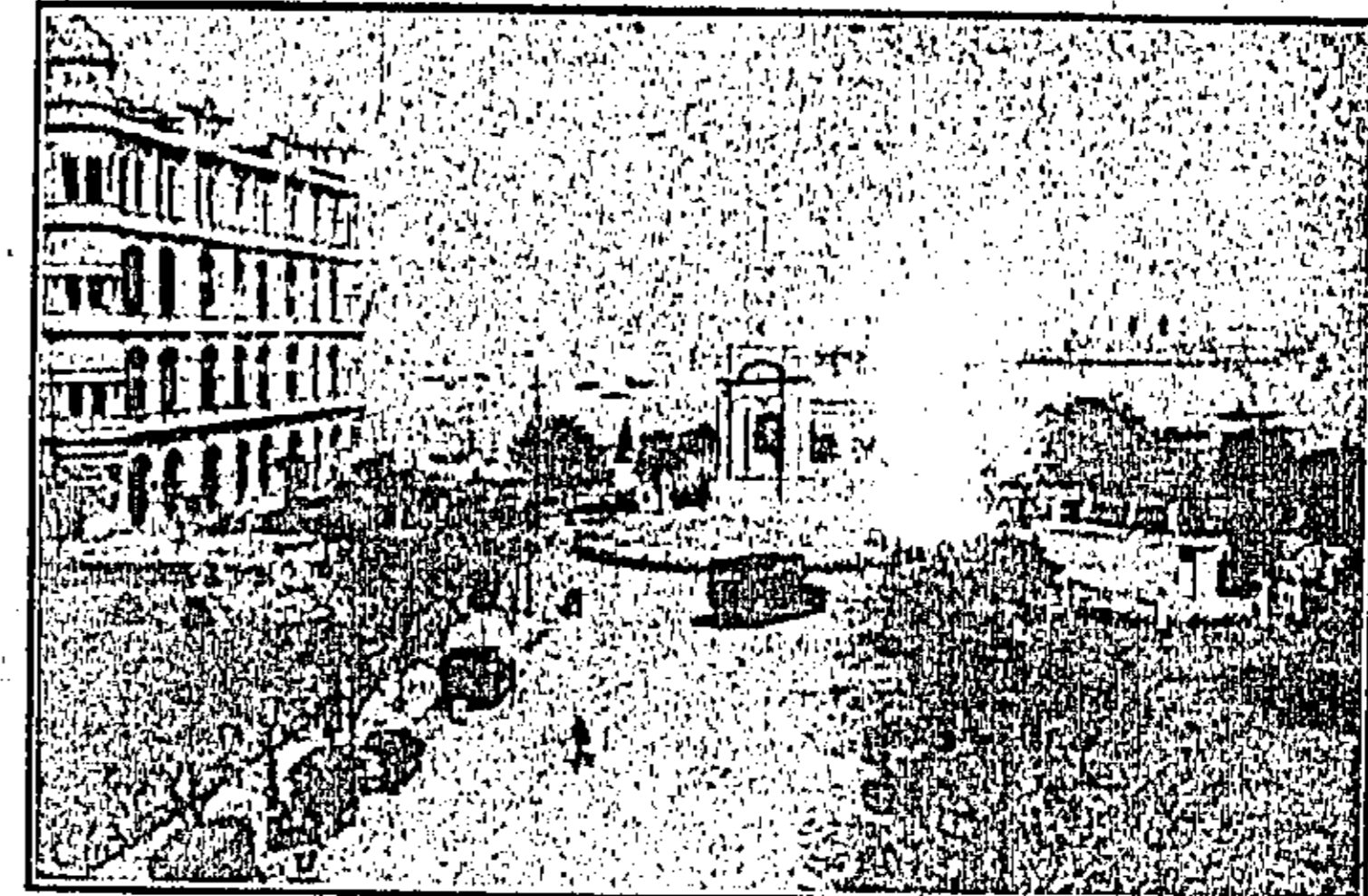
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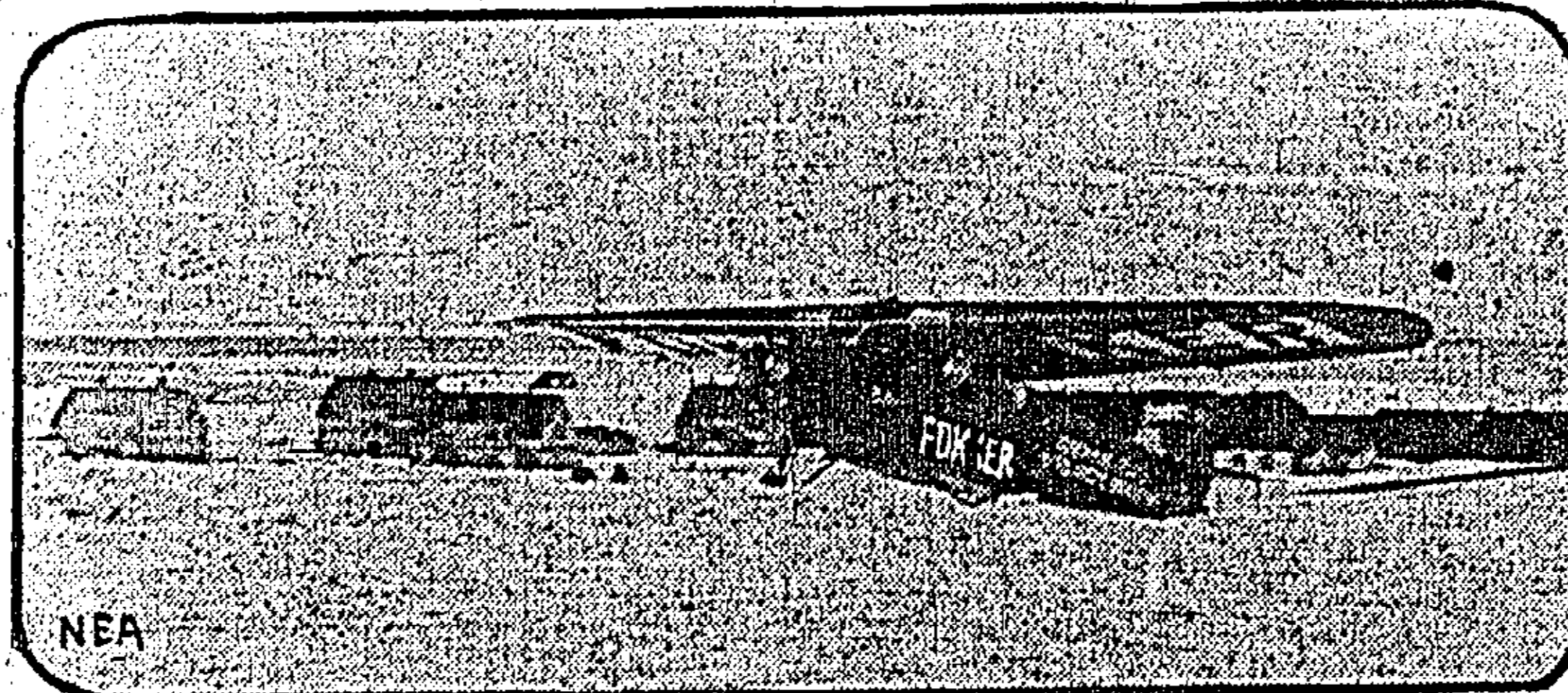
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MEE CHUNG.

Ice House Street, and Beaconsfield Arcade.



THE NEW PRINCESS.—The Duchess of York and Princess Elizabeth when the baby was one month old. This is their latest photograph.



BACK FROM POLE.—Here is the Josephine Ford, Commander Richard E. Byrd's airplane, snapped on its return from the North Pole to King's Bay, Spitzbergen—the first airship to fly to the top of the world.



S. S. PRESIDENT GRANT CHANGES HAND.—The delivery of the certificate of title for the s.s. President Grant by officials of the U. S. Shipping Board to the Vice-President of the Admiral Oriental Line at Seattle. Posing from left to right; Mr. Chas. E. Allen, District Counsel, U. S. Shipping Board, Seattle; Captain Robert Dollar; Mr. John L. Eckman, Assistant Manager Operating Department, U. S. Shipping Board, Washington, D. C.; Mr. A. F. Haines, Vice-President, Admiral Oriental Line, Seattle; Mr. Chas. A. Wallace, Counsel for the Admiral Oriental Line; Mr. F. W. Relyea, District Director, U. S. Shipping Board, Seattle, and Mr. W. R. Fitch, Counsel for the U. S. Shipping Board, Washington, D. C.

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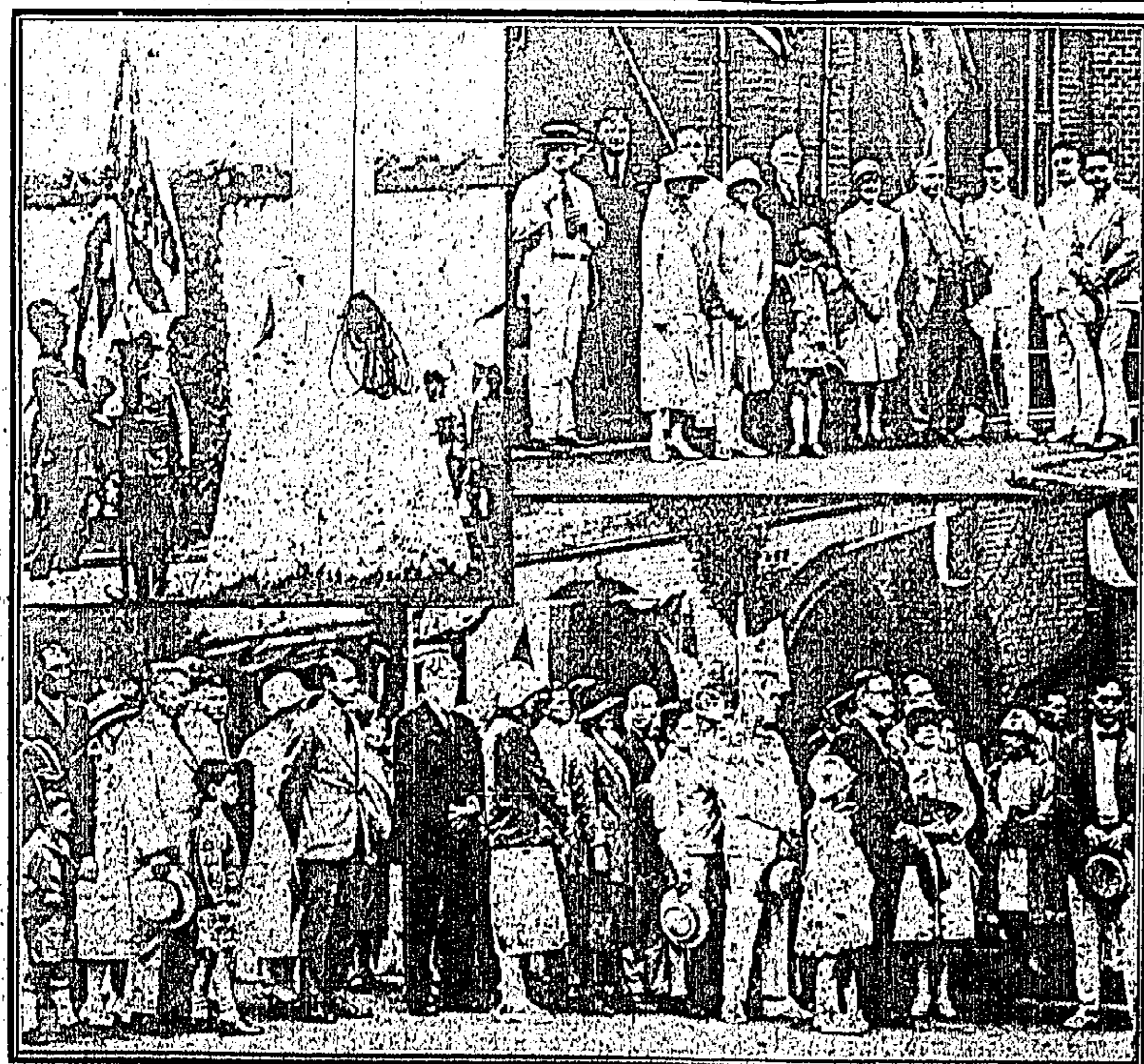
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FLAG RAISING AT AMERICAN CONSULATE.—The flag raising ceremony, at the American Consulate, Shanghai, was one of the most impressive of the Independence Day celebrations recently. These pictures were taken at the ceremony and show (1) preparing to raise the flag; (2) a group outside the Consulate which includes Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Cunningham, Captain Robert Dollar, Judge Milton D. Purdy and Colonel Carmi A. Thompson, President Coolidge's personal representative; (3) another view of the crowd attending the ceremony.



RECENTLY ENGAGED.—Miss Mabel Bourke, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bourke, of Shanghai whose engagement to Mr. W. R. Mowll, of Messrs. Reuter, Ltd., was recently announced.

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verandah in Kowloon, full or part
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TO LET.—European FLATS 23
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Immediate possession. Modern
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TO LET.—Three ground floor
FLATS, 15, 17, 19, Cameron Road,
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SAFE DEPOSIT VAULTS.

The Banque de l'Indo-Chine beg-
to inform all interested in safe
deposit, that they have actually
in their new building, 5 Queen's
Road, safe deposit Boxes at the
yearly rate of \$8 for the small
size, and \$12 for the large size.

Please apply to the Cashier.
Hongkong, May 6, 1926.

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obligations to our customers as
soon as possible after our print-
ing works have been pumped dry.

V. C. LABRUM,
Managing Director.

Hongkong, July 19, 1926.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that
an interim dividend of 23 per
share, subject to deduction of In-
come Tax, has been declared for
the HALF YEAR ending 30th
June, 1926, at rate of 2 1/2 7/8 per
dollar.

The dividend will be payable on
and after MONDAY the 9th
August, 1926, at the Offices of the
Corporation, where Shareholders
are requested to apply for Warr-
rants.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES
of the Corporation will be closed
from MONDAY the 26th July to
SATURDAY the 7th August, 1926,
(both days inclusive) during
which period no transfer of shares
can be registered.

By Order of the Court
of Directors,

A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 13th July, 1926.

HONGKONG REALTY & TRUST COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE OF FINAL CALL.

Issue of 170,000 Shares of the
Nominal Value of
\$10 each.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that a Call of \$2.50 (Dollars two
Cents fifty) per share has been
made on each of the One hundred
and seventy thousand shares \$7.50
called up of this Company, and
that such Call will be payable to
the Company at its Registered
Office, 16, Des Voeux Road Central,
Hongkong, on Wednesday, the
4th August, 1926.

For the Hongkong Realty & Trust
Company, Ltd.,

C. F. V. RIBEIRO,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th July, 1926.

NOTICE.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN &
MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

THE TWENTY-NINTH OR-
DINARY ANNUAL MEETING
of Shareholders in the Com-
pany will be held at the Office
of the Company, "St. George's"
Building, Chater Road, on
Thursday, the 22nd of July,
1926, at 11.30 o'clock a.m.
for the purpose of receiving a State-
ment of Accounts and the Report
of the General Managers for the
year ended 31st December, 1925,
and electing a Consulting Com-
mittee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
Thursday, 15th of July, 1926,
to Thursday, the 22nd of July, 1926,
both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, July 5, 1926.

REMINDER

Small advertisements intend-
ed for publication in the
Saturday Motor Supplement,
must reach this Office not
later than 12 noon on the
preceding Thursday.

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OF ADVERTISING IN, AND
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NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG LAND
INVESTMENT & AGENCY
COMPANY, LIMITED.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of
TWO DOLLARS per share for the
six months ending 30th June, 1926,
will be payable on Thursday,
August 5th on which date Dividend
Warrants may be obtained on ap-
plication at the Company's Office,
11, Queen's Road, Central.
The Transfer Books of the Com-
pany will be closed from Friday,
the 23rd July to Wednesday, the
4th August (both days inclusive),
during which period no transfer of
shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of
Director.

H. A. RODGERS,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, July 14, 1926.

HONGKONG AND KOWLOON TAXICAB CO., LTD.

The Third Ordinary Annual
Meeting of Shareholders in the
Company will be held at the office
of the Company, 35 Des Voeux
Road Central, on Tuesday the 20th
of July, 1926, at 12 noon for the
purpose of receiving a statement
of Account and the Report of the
Directors for the year ended 30th
April, 1926.

The Transfer Books of the Com-
pany will be closed from Saturday
the 10th of July, 1926, to Tuesday
the 20th of July, 1926, both days
inclusive.

By Order of the
Board of Directors,

A. H. ROWE,
Managing Director.

Hongkong, 9th July, 1926.

NOTICE.

EX-ACTIVE SERVICES MEN'S
ASSOCIATION.

The EASMA Bathing Launch
Service will not run on Tuesdays
and Thursdays in future as from
date.

The Beach will be opened to
members and their friends, as
usual, every day of those who pro-
vide their own conveyances, ex-
clusive of Saturdays and Sundays
when the Launch will leave
Queen's Pier at 4 p.m. calling at
Kowloon at 4.10 p.m.

Hongkong, 17th July, 1926.

NOTICE.

We beg to inform the public
that the Company's factory re-
opened on the 10th inst. and that
we are prepared to execute orders
for confectionery, biscuits, etc., as
heretofore. The patronage of our
former wholesale and retail
customers is earnestly solicited.
Prices moderate.

THE MAINTENANCE

COMMITTEE OF

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Hongkong, July 17, 1926.

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A Steam-launch will leave Blake
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day the 20th inst.) for the con-
veyance of First and Second Class
Passengers and their luggage to
the s.s. Hatching.

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General Managers,
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If you have anything you would
like to sell, exchange or advertise
send it to the CHINA AUCTION
ROOM.

E. V. M. R. de SOUSA.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGES.

PARTICULARS AND
CONDITIONS OF SALE.

of the
VALUABLE LEASEHOLD
PROPERTY

Situate in the Dependency of
Kowloon in the Colony of Hong-
kong and known as "Pagoda Bun-
galow"

TO BE SOLD BY

PUBLIC AUCTION

on WEDNESDAY,

the 21st day of July, 1926,

at 8 o'clock p.m.

at the

CHINA AUCTION ROOMS,

4, Duddell Street, Victoria,

Hongkong,

by

Mr. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA,

Auctioneer.

The Property consists of all
that piece or parcel of ground
situate at Kowloon aforesaid and
known and registered in the Land
Office as Kowloon Inland Lot 616
together with the erections and
building thereon known as
"Pagoda Bungalow." The prop-
erty is held for the unexpired
residue of the term of 75 years
from the 1st October, 1901, creat-
ed by an Indenture of Crown Lease
dated the 24th October, 1901 made
between His Late Majesty King
Edward VII of the one part and
Luiza Josepha Vieira Ribeiro of
the other part.

Total Annual Crown Rent

\$228.00.

Total Area 49698 Square feet.

For Further particulars. Ap-
ply to:—

Messrs. JOHNSON STOKES &
MASTER, Mortgagee's Solicitors
or to:—

Mr. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 6th July, 1926.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

PUBLIC AUCTION

of the

VALUABLE LEASEHOLD
PROPERTY

situate at Victoria, Hongkong, and
known as No. 6G New Praya, Ken-
nedy Town, situate upon the Re-
maining Portion of Section B of
Marine Lot No. 245.

TO BE SOLD BY

PUBLIC AUCTION

on FRIDAY, the 23rd day of
July, 1926, at 3 o'clock p.m.

At the CHINA AUCTION ROOMS,

4, Duddell Street, Victoria,

Hongkong

by

Mr. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA,

Auctioneer.

The property consists of:—

All that piece or parcel of
ground situate at Victoria, regis-
tered in the Land Office as the
Remaining Portion of Section B of
Marine Lot No. 245 together with
the Godown erected thereon and
known as No. 6G New Praya, Ken-
nedy Town. The property is held
for the unexpired residue of the
term of 999 years from the 24th
day of June, 1892.

Annual Crown Rent \$87.47.

Area 7809 1/2 sq. ft. or there-
abouts.

For further Particulars and
Conditions of sale apply:—

Messrs. Johnson Stokes and Master,
Mortgagee's Solicitors,
or to

Mr. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA,

The Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 14th July, 1926.

LAMBERT'S AUCTIONS

BY ORDER OF THE
MORTGAGES.

Valuable Leasehold property
situate at Shumshupo in the Co-
lony of Hongkong,

TO BE SOLD BY

PUBLIC AUCTION,

on THURSDAY,

the 22nd day of July, 1926,

at 3 o'clock p.m.,

at the Auction Room of,

Messrs. Lambert Brothers,
at Nos. 8 and 8a, Duddell Street,
Victoria Hongkong.

The property consists of:—

All Those pieces or parcels of
ground situate at Shumshupo in
the Colony of Hongkong and re-
gistered in the Land Office as New
Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 445, 446,
447, 448 and 456 together with
four buildings in the course of
construction on New Kowloon In-
land Lots Nos. 445, 446, 447 and
448. The said premises are held
under Conditions of Sale regis-
tered in the Land Office as Conditions
of Sale Nos. 1295, 1303, 1304, 1305
and 1329 for the respective resi-
dues of the respective terms of 75
years all commencing from the 1st
day of July 1898 with an option of
renewal for a further term of 24
years less the last three days
thereof respectively.

For further particulars, apply
to:—

Messrs. Lyson and Hall,
Solicitors for the Mortgagees or to

Messrs. LAMBERT BROS.,
The Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 14th July, 1926.

PRE-HISTORIC FOOTPRINTS.

DISCOVERED IN ARIZONA GRAND CANYON.

Slabs of stone containing foot-
prints of animals believed to be
25 million years old have arrived
at the Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, from Grand Canyon,
Arizona.

Track have been discovered
belonging to 14 distinct kinds of
animals.

Perhaps the most interesting is
a track indicating an eight-footed
creature, the eight feet making a
diamond formation.

Tracks have been found on
three different levels. Millions of
years are represented between
the levels or strata, the lowest of
which is 1,800 feet under the rim
of the canyon and 400 feet below
any fossil footprints hitherto
found.

This layer is called the "Supia
sandstone."

Animals that crawled across it
when it was soft sand on the
surface disappeared, and their
tracks were covered by a sediment
through the ages, till the octopod
tracks were 400 feet below the
surface of the earth.

History in Layers.

Across this new surface—a
muddy one—other animals crawl-
ed—some leaving deep impres-
sions close together, indicating
heavy, squat-legged creatures;
others leaving the superficial un-
broken trail of the worm.

Sedimentation continued through
more millions of years until
there was a new surface 50 feet
above the level of the squat-leg-
ged and vermiform tracings.
Sand was again being deposited.
There, in the new hardened sand,
a third group of animals left
their footprints.

After their period was ended,
the earth was again piled up, 900
feet more, to the present top of
the canyon.

In later ages, the Colorado
River, carving out the Grand Can-
yon, cut through the successive
layers, and these are now being
exposed and analysed.

Earlier discoveries of footprints
on rocks in the Grand Canyon
were reported in the *Daily
Chronicle* in December 1924.

The Grand Canyon of Arizona
is one of the greatest wonders of
nature in the American continent.
The River Colorado, which rises
in Utah, and finds its way after
a course of 1,100 miles to the Gulf
of California, in Mexico, has dur-
ing millions of years cut itself a
deep chasm on the highlands of
Arizona. This canyon is more
than 250 miles long, and in some
places the river flows more than
5,000 feet (nearly a mile) below
the surface of the plateau.

NOT "DOWN AND OUT."

THE TRUTH ABOUT
ENGLAND.

In the course of a letter which
Messrs. Dodwell and Company, of
Hongkong, have received from Mr.
E. R. Canning, of the well-known
Birmingham manufacturing firm
of Messrs. W. Canning and Co.,
for which Messrs. Dodwell are
local agents, some interesting
comment is made on the present
situation in England. Mr. Can-
ning writes:

On my visit last year to the
U. S. A., I gained the impres-
sion plus the reports received from my
brother, Mr. T. R. Canning, who
is now on a world tour, that there
seems to be an impression abroad
that England is going downhill—
that the Labour position is so un-
satisfactory that we shall gradu-
ally be ousted from international
commerce.

We have just experienced, for
the first time in the nation's his-
tory, a general strike of certain
workers, and I think probably the
view of the matter overseas may
lead to a wrong impression.

After the part England took in
the war, our Government has acted
as no other European Nation
has done—they have brought the
country to the reality of things—
they have honoured our debts with
foreign nations, and have brought
our sterling exchange to pre-war
value.

This has not been accomplish-
ed without causing great incon-
venience to every section of the
community, both those subject to
Income Tax and to the weekly
wage earner.

There has been in the country
a very unsatisfactory element in
the case of young men, who, dur-
ing the war, left school, were too
young to enlist in the Army, and
earned extraordinary high wages
for youths. For a lad just leav-
ing school to be able to take home
£2 to £3 per week, and even in
the coal mining trade still more
—has left a very dissatisfied young
man at the present time, who, now
he is some years older, is not
able to earn the money he did
during the war.

We have also the position which
is a great trouble that the shelter-
ed occupations such as building,
printing transport, Municipal
service etc., where the workers
are not subject to the competition
of foreign workers, are being
paid more money in comparison
to the skilled workers in com-
petitive industry.

The consequence was that at
the time of the GENERAL
STRIKE there was not a single
trade involved that was subject
to foreign competition, such as
ship builders, cotton and wollen
workers etc., Engineers were at
work till the last day of the
strike.

The transport workers—the
greatest in number and the least
intelligent of the population, bet-
ter paid than ever they have been
in their lives, held up the country
to ransom which was firmly re-
sisted.

The general working conditions
in England to-day are not bad,
although there is room for im-
provement between masters and
men—there is a very different
spirit to what is conveyed in the
papers.

The men are working well—the
prices of goods are competitive in
the world's markets. The cost of
living is down. The general pro-
sperity of the nation is good as
proved by the recent Budget, and
the savings of the working people
in purchase of National Savings
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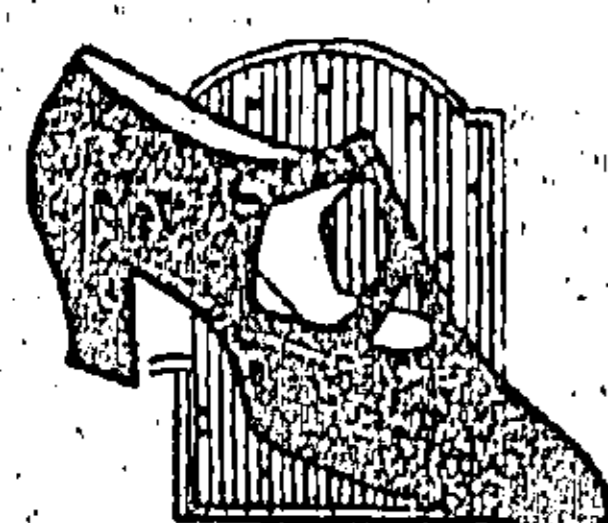
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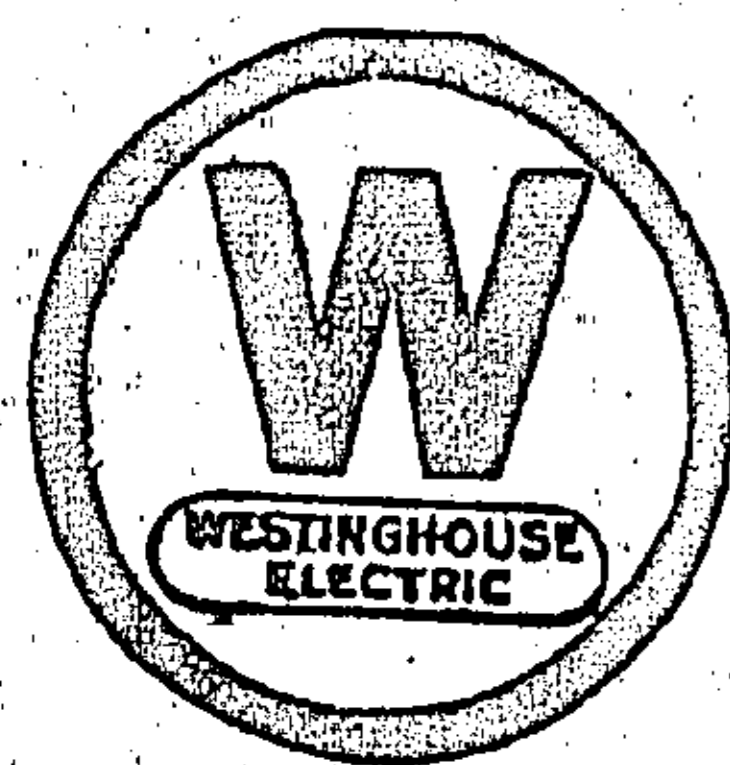
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BANKRUPTCY COURT.

WING CHEONG HONG
APPLICATION REFUSED.

An application for a compulsory winding up of the affairs of the Wing Cheong Hong China Product Company, was made by Mr. H. G. Sheldon in the Supreme Court on Saturday. Mr. Sheldon explained that the directors were afraid there would be difficulty about liquidation owing to the fact that the books were in Chinese. He wished them to be handed over to the Court officials.

Mr. Sheldon said that there were 520 shares of \$100, but they had been issued at \$50, the other half being owing on them. The assets of the company comprised the remaining \$50 on each of the shares, book debts and money guarantees, the whole of the assets totalling \$51,000. The liabilities were \$39,000 but although it appeared that there was thus a balance, Mr. Sheldon said that there was considerable doubt as to the possibility of collection of certain of the debts.

Representing the Kai Tai Company, creditors, Mr. Somerset Pittman raised an objection to the application. He said that the firm had been in difficulties for some time and should have been wound up, but they had waited till judgment had been obtained in another case. This had, caused the Kai Tai Company considerable trouble.

His Lordship remarked that to make an order such as he was asked to do by the applicants he would have to be satisfied that the company was unable to pay its debts. With the figures before him he could not be satisfied as to this. He was not in a position to be satisfied that any of the debts appearing in the books were bad. He therefore dismissed the application with costs and declined to grant an adjournment, which Mr. Sheldon asked for.

Bankrupt Continues Fishing.

A fisherman of Aberdeen who had been adjudged bankrupt at the end of the year, was accused at the Bankruptcy Court on Saturday of carrying on his business and receiving payments which he had not placed at the benefit of his creditors as should have been done in accordance with the terms of the receiving order.

Evidence of his outstanding debts was given by a number of creditors. During the course of the evidence of one of the witnesses His Lordship asked why the master of the firm had not appeared and was informed by the witness that as he (witness) had conducted the transactions he was asked by the master to appear. His Lordship said that when ordered to appear the master should have been in Court. He had a good mind to issue a warrant for his arrest.

The debtor was called and said that when he went bankrupt a man bought his junk from him, but the man was not acquainted with fishing, he (debtor) assisted him. He had never received any money for his services and that any transactions he had conducted in the sale of fish went to the payment of wages, upkeep, etc., and that any balance would go to the purchaser of the vessel.

After putting a number of questions to witness, the Official Receiver indicated that he desired the examination closed.

THIRD CLASS
PASSENGERS.TO RECEIVE DECENT
TREATMENT.

London, July 17.
British Tourists travelling to America third class will henceforth be landed at New York piers like other passengers, and will not be subjected to unnecessary formality. This assurance has been received in shipping circles in England in consequence of the recent outcry.—*Reuter*.

WAR DEBTS.

AMERICA AND PROPOSED
CANCELLATION.

Washington, July 18.
Replying to the Massachusetts lawyer, Mr. Fredrick Penbody, who recently issued an open letter to President Coolidge proposing cancellation of war debts, Mr. Mellon writes that the United States Government would be shirking its duty as a trustee of the taxpayers if it sanctioned such a cancellation. He declares that the American people do not demand cancellation.

He cannot agree that England is on the edge of destruction. It is very sound at heart, as its recent solution of the general strike has shown.

In all the other countries "the people are in monetary difficulties, but the very acuteness of the disease has brought a clear understanding as to the causes and proper remedies. I don't despair of Europe."—*Reuter's American Service*.

THE COLONY'S
FINANCES.THE REVENUE FOR 1925
EXCEEDS ESTIMATE.

The report on the finances of the Colony for the year 1925 states that the total revenue for the year amounted to \$23,244,365 being \$1,431,665 more than the estimate and \$965,275 less than the revenue in 1924.

Compared with that year there were decreases under all the heads except Licences and Internal Revenue, Kowloon-Canton Railway and Miscellaneous Receipts, of which the first two show slight increases and the last named has been more than doubled.

The Expenditure for the year exceeded the Revenue by the sum of \$5,022,462.

Military Expenditure exceeded the estimate by \$92,438 owing to decreased revenue and increase in the strength of the Volunteer Defence Corps.

Savings were effected in the Harbour Master's Department to the extent of \$372,938. This was accomplished by abandoning the construction of two Patrol Launches and equipment estimated to cost \$316,000 and by minor savings on the majority of the other items.

The Imports and Exports Department showed a decrease in expenditure of \$173,266. Savings on most of the items contributed to this result and a reduction in the quantity of raw opium purchased accounted for \$126,046 of the total decrease.

Savings in the Medical Department amounting to \$91,966 were achieved by deferring expenditure on the equipment for Victoria Maternity and Kowloon Hospitals, construction of a motor launch and minor economies on a number of items.

DUNKIRK FIRE.

A MILLION FRANCS
DAMAGE.

Dunkirk, July 18.

The recent series of fires in connection with which incendiaryism is suspected, in conjunction with the strike of dockers, has been followed by a fire which has destroyed a large warehouse in the port, the damage being estimated at a million francs.

Two men were seen escaping from the warehouse on the outbreak of the fire.

Four hundred police are now guarding the port.—*Reuter*.

BRITAIN IN CHINA.

CO-ORDINATION OF
ASSOCIATIONS.

Peking, July 18.
Co-ordination of British Chambers and Associations in China in London is signalled in the appointment of Mr. E. M. Cull, for the past seven years Secretary of the Associated British Chambers of Commerce in China and Hongkong, to the secretaryship in London of the recently organised China Committee, and the joint secretaryship of the China Association.—*Reuter*.

PERSISTENT FEUD.

THE SACCO-VANZETTI
AFFAIR.

Geneva, July 17.

Owing to the United States Legation in Bern receiving several threatening letters with reference to the Sacco-Vanzetti affair, the Swiss Police have taken measures to protect the Legation and the Consulates and their personnel throughout the country.—*Reuter*. [Sacco and Vanzetti were two bandits executed in America.]

AMERICAN YARN.

LANCASHIRE SCHEME FOR
CONTROL.

London, July 17.

Over thirty-one prominent Lancashire cotton mill directors, are backing a scheme to form a combine to control yarns made with American cotton.—*Reuter*. presenting capital of £55,000,000.

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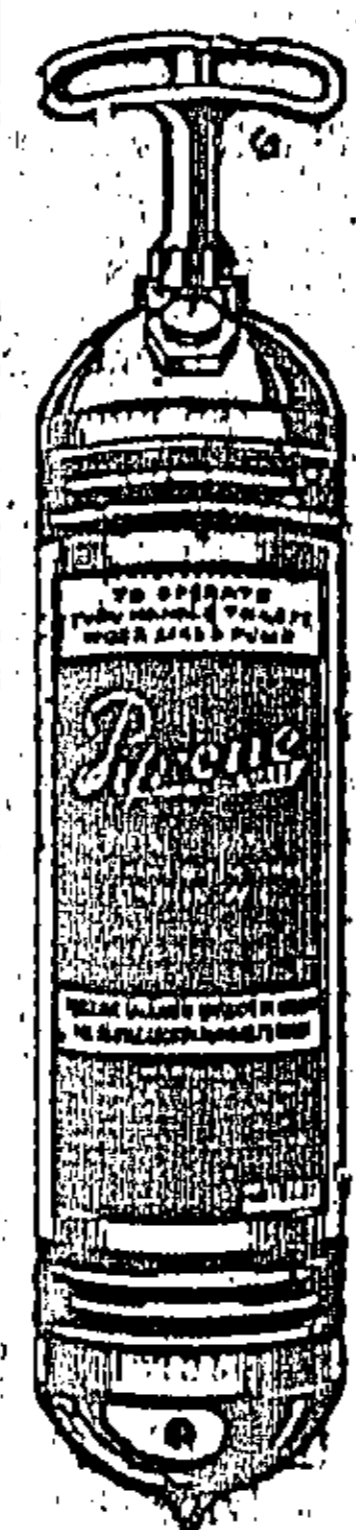
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MONDAY, JULY 19, 1926.

OUR POLICE FORCE.

Much information of a very
valuable nature is to be found in
the annual report of the Captain
Superintendent of Police for the
year 1925, which has just been
issued, and the document is one
well worthy of study by all who
take an intelligent interest in the
welfare and development of Hong-
kong. The facts collated are in-
teresting not only in themselves
but more for the light they throw
on the trend of events. For in-
stance, although it is interesting
to learn that there have been de-
creases in the number of both
private and public rickshas and the
number of hand-drawn trucks, it
is more intriguing to draw the
obvious inference that motor
traction is slowly displacing the
old wasteful and slow man-power
traction. Public rickshas de-
creased by 150 last year, private
rickshas by over 100, trucks by 250
and licensed drivers and bearers by
no fewer than 7,000. All this
spell the displacement of the
"human draft animal" by mechan-
ical traction and it is a displace-
ment which ought to be welcomed
and encouraged.

There are very many similarly
interesting side-lights to be found
in the report, but what strikes one
most when reading this record of
our police force for the year 1925
is the tremendous amount of work
which was performed by the force
under circumstances which were
more than ordinarily trying. The
prodigious work that was accom-
plished during the onerous days of
June, July and August when the
strike and boycott were being felt
to the full, has never quite been
realised, we think, and there is
typical modesty of phrasing used
in reference to it in the report, we
now have under notice. The or-
ganisation of strike labour, the
protection of labour that remained
loyal to their various firms, the
carrying out of raids in native dis-
tricts and the maintaining of extra
patrols throughout the whole
Colony entailed a strain that was
cheerfully and effectively borne,
and this Colony owes much to its
well-organised and disciplined
police force for the comparatively
peaceful manner in which a great
crisis was weathered.

There is one part of the report
which is not satisfactory and that
is the portion which relates to the
health of those members who live
in the out-stations. It is stated
as regards the New Territory
stations the health of the men is far
from good and that a large num-
ber of men who were sick and who

ought to have gone to hospital were
unable to do so owing to lack of
accommodation. "This lack of hos-
pital accommodation was a serious
matter, especially in the case of
men suffering from malaria who
were thereby unable to obtain pro-
per treatment and, in consequence,
were constantly sick in station."
Later on in the report it is stated
that malaria is bad at all the out-
stations but that it is most serious
at Sha Tau Kok where practically
the entire establishment was
changed three times during the
year solely on account of malaria.
It is obvious from such a report
that much more could be done than
at present to make the out-stations
less unhealthy than now, and there
is reference in the report to the
need for better draining and quib-
b-trainings. Also it should not
be a charge against the Govern-
ment by police officers that there
is no hospital accommodation
for them when they go sick, and
every effort should be made to
remedy what is an entirely in-
defensible state of affairs.

Prison Matters.

There are some interesting re-
marks in the annual report of the
Superintendent of Prisons, just
issued, regarding the gaoi accom-
modation of the Colony. It is put
on record that at Victoria Gaoi
"the need for better quarters,
offices, hospital, stores and work-
shops becomes more pressing
every year," and it is further ex-
plained that there is no room
for expansion, as all available
ground in built on. There is a
further observation that "the
buildings are generally in good
repair." Exactly what this means
it would be hard to say, as we
have heard that the buildings are
in constant need of attention and
that they are by no means as
secure as they should be for such
an institution. It would also be
interesting to know much money
is spent yearly to keep the place
even in its present condition. As
to the Laichikok Gaoi, the re-
port states that there are now
seven halls there, including one
for juveniles, "but as all the
prisoners are in association and
there are no workshops, the estab-
lishment cannot be regarded as
a satisfactory penitentiary." We
should think not. Conditions be-
ing as they are at both the gaois
mentioned, it seems to us the
utmost folly to go on spending
public money on their upkeep and
maintenance. The only logical
conclusion is that a new gaoi is
badly needed. That has been
realised for a very long time past;
hence the Ngau Sha Wan scheme,
now unhappily held in abeyance.
In view, however, of the huge
amount of money spent in piling
the site for that gaoi, we once
again press for a resumption of
the project. To go elsewhere
now, would be equivalent to bury-
ing thousands of dollars in the
ground at Ngau Sha Wan, to say
nothing of the time and labour
which have been spent on pre-
paration of plans, etc., which will
be largely useless for any alter-
native scheme. Surely the
Colony is not so flush with
money that it can afford to waste
public funds in such a manner?

London, June 26.—A Malta mes-
sage says a big anti-Government
demonstration occurred last even-
ing arising out of the alleged
illegal suspension of Pro. Bartolo
at a recent sitting of the Assembly.
Pro Bartolo attempted to attend
yesterday's sitting, but the Presi-
dent, assisted by the police, pre-
vented him from entering the
Palace. The whole police force of
Malta, with mounted troops armed
with revolvers, are concentrated
at Valetta. A very stormy sit-
ting followed in the Assembly.
Strangers were cleared from the
House, and the Opposition, pro-
testing, withdrew and received a
tremendous popular ovation. All
shops are either closed or shutter-
ed.

DAY BY DAY.

YOUNG MEN THINK OLD MEN ARE
FOOLS, BUT OLD MEN KNOW YOUNG
MEN ARE FOOLS.—George Chapman.

No case of notifiable disease was
reported over the week-end.

Telegraphic communication with
Tientsin and Peking has been re-
established.

Lieut. K. M. P. Edwards has
been appointed to H.M.S. Titania
for submarines.

Among those returning to the
Colony to-day by the s.s. President
Garfield was Mrs. I. H. Geare and
daughter.

The P. and O. s.s. Macedonia,
with the English mail, left Singa-
pore yesterday and is due here at
daylight on Thursday.

One case of enteric fever con-
tracted by a Portuguese resident is
reported in the return of the
Medical Officer of Health for Fri-
day.

The wedding was announced to
take place in Shanghai on Friday,
July 16, between Mr. Omar Rum-
jahn, son of Mrs. A. Rumjahn of
Tientsin, and Miss Gladys Ismail,
daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs.
S. C. Ismail of Hongkong.

The s.s. President Garfield
brought in a goodly complement
of passengers this morning, in-
cluding Mr. C. V. Ross, who is on
a short business trip here from
Kobe, and Rear-Admiral Sum-
ner Kittelle, Commandant of the
Cavite Navy Yard, near Manila.

The following ships are expect-
ed to be in wireless communica-
tion with Hongkong to-day:—Em-
press of Russia, Pres. Taft, Pres.
Harrison, Warsudra, Honolulu
Maru, Pres. Madison, Tijnanock,
Andre Lebon, Kwaisang, Taiyo
Maru, Hei Mei Maru, Aki Maru,
Kashima Maru, Haining, Dar-
danus, Tonkin, Hozan Maru.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. President Madison.—
Miss T. W. Baleant, Miss E. Bart-
lett, Mrs. H. Blecker, Mrs. H.
Eckart, Mrs. I. H. Geare, Miss E.
Geare, Mr. H. A. Jaynes, Mr. A. I.
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Monroe, Mr. Lawrence B. Parker,
Mr. W. M. Quinn, Mr. C. V. Ross,
Miss H. Smith, Mr. D. Ward-Smith,
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. William and
Mr. F. Wilson.

POLISH DUEL.

EX-PREMIER REFUSES TO FIRE.

Warsaw, June 15.—Count
Skrynski and General Szeptycki,
who quarrelled over the recent
Polish coup d'état, fought a duel
with revolvers to-day in a friend's
house in Warsaw. The General's
bullet missed and Skrynski re-
fused to shoot. The duel was held
in the presence of seconds and a
court of honour. The principals
agreed to fire a single shot each,
at a distance of fifteen paces.

Upon the signal, "Fire!" General
Szeptycki turned and fired. His
bullet grazed Count Skrynski's
hair and buried itself in the wall
of the room.
Count Skrynski dramatically
lowered his revolver and said: "I
wish to state that I deliberately
do not want to shoot. If there is
any one here who thinks it is
necessary to defend his honour or
takes issue with my ideals, let him
shoot. But I shall not shoot."

The duel ended without the
principals shaking hands. Count
Skrynski has the reputation of
being a dead shot.

When friends called upon him
after the duel, which was fought
at 6.30 o'clock this morning, he
said:

"I don't know how to miss, and
I did not want to kill a man in
whose veins flows the blood of my
forefathers."

General Szeptycki is a distant
relative of the former Premier.

To another friend, the Count
said: "I did not want to wound
him nor to miss, so I didn't shoot
at all."
A further reason for Count
Skrynski facing death from an
adversary who at first refused to
accept his challenge, friends said,
and then withholding fire, was
because he had killed or wounded
the General would have precipi-
tated wholesale duelling within
the army.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MASTERS' NOTICE.

[To the Editor of the Hongkong
Telegraph.]

Sir,—With reference to the re-
cent decision of the Court in the
case of a British Captain of the
Mercantile Marine, as published
in your issue of the 17th instant,
without any spirit of criticism of
the law, I could not help connect-
ing this decision with others ren-
dered in Hongkong a few months
ago.

It seems to me a disgrace that
a coolie or an ordinary domestic
servant in the service of Euro-
peans should be entitled by law
to a full month's notice and that
a British Captain who, in order
to arrive at such a responsible
position has had to go through
many years of hard studies and
practical training, could be dis-
missed with 24 hours' notice.

Even in supposing that such
terms had been accepted by the
Captain, I was under the impres-
sion that the British Law did not
recognise arbitrary clauses in any
agreement which are imposed in
an obviously mean spirit of trick-
ery by one of the parties, as such
was undoubtedly the case in the
present instance. The above de-
cision proves that my knowledge
in such matters was not yet com-
plete.

Thanking you in anticipation
for your kind insertion of this
letter.—Yours, etc.,

PRO-JUSTICIA.

Hongkong, July 17, 1926.

ALLEGED ASSAULT BY INDIANS.

Sir,—As it is understood by the
Press that the assault of the two
ladies at Happy Valley was com-
mitted by Indians, I beg to say
that it is erroneous. For your
information the nationalities of
these boys are:

A. Hartam, Malay; H. M. Ismail,
Arabian; C. Gomes, Portuguese.
These boys are personally
known to me and I can therefore
tell correctly of their nationalities.
—Yours, etc.,

P. BENE.

Hongkong, July 17, 1926.

The Very Idea!

Rafter: I'm becoming so near-
sighted that I bump into people this
when I walk along the street.
Shafter: Goodness, man! That's
dangerous. Why don't you buy a
car and drive it?

Mother baked a dandy cake
and
When the cake was done,
Sonny licked the frosting off
and
Mother licked her son.

Boss—"Did you collect that
bill?"
Jenkins—"No sir. He kicked
me this afternoon, and only be-
cause he told us that Robin Hood's
Boss—"You go back and get
that money. I'll show him he
can't scare me."

"Amy Lowell, enthroned on a
high-backed chair, smoking her
cigar and eyeing the company with
the aggressive, narrow eye of
some high-pedigreed bird, whose
narrow head is large enough to
contain only two thoughts, herself
and her own expensive eggs."

"Suddenly there entered upon
us a youth, a little the worse for a
drink, who everybody called Scotty
and who, I learnt afterwards, was
the novelist, Scott Fitzgerald. There
was something about this young
man, who came in from Torquay, some
"Tough Man's Bend" with a bot-
tle in his hand, that I liked ex-
tremely. He had evidently never
met Dr. Doolittle before, and, far gone
in his cups as he was, he address-
ed the older novelist with maiden
Grand Master, and the Grand
deference. It was as though
some young Dick Lovelace had
come bursting into Ben Jonson's
room; only, when one looked more
closely at this boy's face, one
noticed that it had a weak, pretty,
blue-eyed modern look that would
have been curiously inappropriate
to the London de-
legate; are not recorded.

CHINESE MOVIES.

PROMISING SHANGHAI FILM.

A new Chinese motion picture
featuring "The Imposter," a ten
reels production made in Shang-
hai, was recently shown at the
Victoria Theatre.

The picture has been produced
by the Pacific Film Co., Ltd., of
Shanghai, and was written and
directed by M. K. Wong. The
sub-titles are in English and
Chinese. The story of the photo-
play follows:

Yuen Tsi-ching is captain of a
man-of-war. While in Shanghai
he and his ship are ordered to the
Northern Seas, the message being
delivered by his close friend, Li
Huen-vung, the purser. While he
is away he falls seriously ill. His
wife, upon hearing of this, has-
tens to join him, but meets a
tragic death on the way, for the
boat by which she is travelling
catches fire and all on board
perish.

This news is not, however, com-
municated to the captain owing
to his weak state. When he dis-
covers it by accident he is over-
come and suffers a dangerous re-
lapse. He blames his friend, Li
Huen-vung, for keeping the news
from him. Haunted by a feeling
of uneasiness, he had already as-
ked his friend to see if his family
was safe. Li Huen-vung unfor-
tunately failed to find any trace of
the captain's little daughter, Yuen
Ing.

In the meantime Yuen Ing's
nurse, troubled by creditors, had
taken her little charge to her own
home, and there she grows up
with the nurse's own daughter.

Years pass. The good nurse
dies, but on her death bed gives
her daughter various articles pro-
ving the parentage of Yuen Ing.
The nurse's daughter, filled with
avarice, plans to keep these
papers and pass herself off as
Yuen Tsi-ching's daughter. She
even persuades her admirer to
promise to murder the innocent
Yuen Ing. Unexpectedly her ad-
mirer broods over the possibility
of her forgetting him when she is
rich and suddenly repents of his
promise, and confesses the whole
plot. Yuen Ing's identity is proved
beyond doubt owing to a con-
spicuous birthmark, a large mole
on her arm, which her father re-
cognizes. Thus the daughter is
restored to her father, and every-
thing ends happily.

FLOOD DISASTER.

(Continued from Page 1).

A number of rickshas were overturned, their passengers thrown into the water, and wheels and axles damaged in an attempt to get through. The only alternative was to go through Kennedy Road or by sampan or motorboat, and many adopted these means of transport.

PEAK TRAMWAY.

BIG BREACHES.

With regard to the Peak Tramway very serious damage has been done. There is one big landslide near to the junction at May Road and there is also a further slide near the curve just below Barker Road. The track has been broken and there is also a big tree across the track lower down. Two of the nullahs have burst their sides and the rushing water has helped to tear up parts of the concrete way. The two electric cables supplying power to the winding machinery have been broken. The service is, of course, entirely suspended, and it is possible that it may remain so all day to-day and to-morrow.

THE GLENEALLY FALL.

FLOWER STREET TORRENT.

The cause of the torrent that was raging all this morning down Flower Street to swell the floods in the central part of the town, has been traced to its source. Further up the Hill what used to be the beautiful Gleneally is now a ravine as the waters from the surrounding slopes, pressed for an outlet, converged into the defile, and find a way out through the path leading down from the Roman Catholic Cathedral. In its course the water has formed for itself a passage underground, and with a force not to be stayed by the hard asphalt surface of the pathway, has caused an upheaval of the whole length of the pathway. Big blocks of asphalt have been simply flung aside as the pent-up torrents burst through. The path is now completely obliterated, and the scene was one of desolation as electric poles and wires became one inextricable mass hanging over the roadway.

THE PEAK DISTRICT.

MANY SERIOUS REPORTS.

Reports from the Peak Districts are full of extensive damage and the flooding of many houses. There have been a large number of landslides.

It is reported that Mr. Bell's house on Plantation Road, has been badly damaged by the fall of the tennis court of the Bank House immediately above. It is said that the roof of the house was struck and that great deal of damage has been done.

"Tantallon" on Barker Road, belonging to Mr. Archbutt, but now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Way, has been damaged by a fall at the back. The servants' quarters are demolished and it is said that a number of servants are imprisoned therein. The police were investigating at the time of writing.

There has been a big fall of earth on the main Stubbs' Road, near to Mount Gough police station, well over 200 tons having fallen down. There is also another big slide near Mount Kellett. At the Victoria Hospital, Barker Road, the greater part of the lower tennis court has been carried away, taking part of Chatham Path with it.

Magazine Gap Road has also been badly breached, two bridges, near the May Road level, having gone. The damage is very extensive.

IN PEDDER STREET.

TWO BIG WATERSPOUTS.

The enormous pressure exerted by the water rushing through Pedder Street, burst the mains, and threw a sheet of water into the air as high as the first floors of the buildings. This enormous volume roared down the street for some time, and the doors of the Hongkong Hotel had to be forcibly held to prevent the water rushing in. As it was, this morning the entrance to the hotel, bar room, and the cafe were flooded, with large

deposits of thin mud. This has now been cleared. The curious part is that when the water broke through the pavement a tree of big dimensions was forced through with it, and tore a large part of the pavement up. Later this morning, another hole was sprung at the junction of Pedder Street and Queen's Road, and a fountain of water, as high as the first floor of China Buildings, was flung into the air. The road is now hardly passable for pedestrians.

POLICE QUARTERS STRUCK.

CHIMNEY STRUCK OFF.

Chief Inspector C. F. Aris of the Central Police Station had a disturbing tale to tell when interviewed by a *Telegraph* representative this morning, and he explained he was considerably shocked when his house containing himself, his wife and family, and other officers, was struck by lightning, a chimney being demolished in the process.

He said he was making a tour of the place to see that the shutters were properly closed, when suddenly there was a terrible clap of thunder, followed by a shock that shook the house. This was followed by a resounding crash. Both his wife and family were considerably alarmed, and it was later discovered that a chimney had been struck and had fallen through into the sitting room. They transferred themselves into the lower regions of the house, where they waited until they were able to leave.

In the same building, on the ground floor lives, Sub-Inspector Lane, and above him Chief Detective Inspector Murphy. All felt the shock, and were naturally considerably alarmed. One Sergeant, who saw the chimney struck, said it fused with a reddish colour, and, although he was not very near, he distinctly felt the impact. This occurred between 3.30 and four o'clock in the morning.

Concluding his story, Inspector Aris said "I have seen a few storms but I have never seen one like this. I never want to go through that again," and probably everybody in the colony is saying the same.

OTHER ITEMS.

FROM NEAR AND FAR.

The road to Taihang Village is blocked by falls of earth from the hill-cuttings.

Extensive damage has been done to the Praya East Reclamation through the washing away of the soil by a swirling mass of water emerging from the Happy Valley district, through its only outlet, the Bowington Canal.

The Police reports contained a paragraph to the effect that the whole of the ground floor at Shamshui Police station was six inches under water.

The approach to Kowloon Hospital was rendered inaccessible owing to heavy collapses on both sides of the road way.

A small area of the retaining wall under Gun Club hill, Chatham Road, has collapsed.

Heavy deposits of sand and other debris are to be found on practically every road in the Kowloon district and many motorists are marooned.

Turning the corner at Hungnam this morning, a bus of the Kowloon Bus Company skidded across, the whole of the road and came to rest in the gutter. There were no injuries.

A report was current this morning that considerable damage had been done at Mountain Lodge, H. E. the Governor's summer residence, but on enquiry we learn that save for one or two broken windows and some slight damage nothing untoward occurred there.

At Mount Austin barracks the electric light was all put out of order.

At West Point things are in a indescribable state of confusion, one big main nullah being badly damaged and choked with stones and earth, so that the overflow is doing great damage.

BIG MOTOR RACE.

GRAND PRIX WON BY BUGATTI CAR.

Paris, July 18:

A message from San Sebastian says that Goux, driving a Bugatti, won the Grand Prix d'Europe of 80,000 pesetas and the King's Cup. The distance was 779 kilometres, 175 metres, and the time taken was 411 minutes.—Router.

A THRILLING WALK.

DOWN THE PEAK ROAD.

After a night of almost unutterable confusion, during which the servants of the household evinced a desire to emulate the proverbial ostrich in order to escape the awesome spectacle of the phenomenal lightning, another resident and myself decided to walk down the Peak in order to carry on the day's toil. For the first few hundred yards from the top tram station, progress was comparatively easy, although the discomfort of wading through a small slide which had deposited mud knee deep across the path, was anything but enjoyable. It soon became apparent that excitement would not be lacking, for the roar of rushing water lower down became almost deafening as we descended.

At one particular point, near the small monument on the left of the road, the torrent tore across the track in awesome manner, carrying with it stones and other debris. To the right the stream opened out into a huge waterfall indicating what we might expect later on. I led the way into the torrent and for a moment or two regretted the extreme rashness which had prompted my action. Foothold seemed almost impossible, so strong was the rush of water, and a momentary vision of being swept into the torrent over the hillside was, to say the least of it, thoroughly alarming. Finally, I reached safety by clutching out to a rock which Providence had rolled partly across the path. My companion noticed my plight, breathed a sigh of relief when the crossing was safely negotiated, his experience being none the less, fraught with danger than mine.

WAVE AFTER WAVE.

The long steep stretch was another ordeal, for the water swept down in the form of a tide wave after wave in continuous succession. We had forgotten that the water had soaked us through and through in the realisation that the venture was one which threatened disaster at almost any moment. Later the road bordering the Botanical Gardens was reached and "going" had become comparatively easy. Our intention was to make the city by way of Wyndham Street, but a sight of Gleneally quickly caused us to change our plans. Not only was the main Caine road completely blocked by a landslide which had transplanted a fully grown tree in the upright position in the centre of the road, but the waters rushing down the thoroughfare itself were five or six feet deep and the roar almost bewildering. We retraced our steps hoping to reach Wyndham Street via the Dairy Farm steps, but here again, an indescribable scene again met the eye. Battery Path was then made the objective, and after walking down the waterfall which were once steps leading to Queen's Road, our destination was reached after wading through anything from one to three feet of water in Des Voeux Road, Chater Road and Pedder Street. One incident caused a ripple of laughter when a ricksha overturned in about three feet of water in the Queen's Road gutter. It might well have been a fatal accident, for the occupant found himself imprisoned beneath the yellow flood. Luckily, his plight was immediately appreciated, and willing hands righted the vehicle and released a frightened and half-drowned resident.

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NANNING NEWS.

LATEST KWANGSI ITEMS.

The annual summer floods have reached here and the cities along the river report the lower streets flooded. The floods, coming just when the first crop of rice was being harvested, did some damage and cut the early rice crop a little short of what was hoped would prove a large crop.

An item in the local papers report large bands of a thousand or more bandits in different parts of the Kwangsi Province. In a recent skirmish along the southern border of the Province, a number of the soldiers were wounded and report that the robbers are well armed and not afraid to fight. Hearing of trouble near Kwai Lum, had given the bandits courage to come out of their hiding.

There was little excitement at the South Gate of Nanning a few days ago, when about a thousand coolies came marching into the city. The soldiers at the gate did not know whether to allow so many to enter at one time or not, especially as

they had some guns. After about an hour's parley, when it was discovered that they were opium carriers on their way to Yunnan and Kweichow and only desired to pass through the town, they were permitted to enter.

NEW MONEY.

For the last year, Nanning had been using a miscellaneous assortment of very inferior money, that was not current in any other place. The officials have now taken the situation in hand and the Kwangsi Bank is issuing a new currency. It is issuing ten cent, twenty cent, fifty cent, one dollar, and five dollar bills. The old money is being bought up at reduced prices and sent to Wuchow to be reminted and a new twenty cent piece is being coined. The merchants complain that it is low in silver content, but it is certainly a great improvement in appearance over the money that has been current for some time.

PLAGUE AT LIMCHOW.

Letters and travellers from Lim Chow, Kwangtung, report an epidemic of plague in that part. Many of the people have been fleeing to the country to escape the plague, and it is also reported that the bandits are preying upon the refugees.

It used to be said that whoever reached the North Pole would find a Scotsman there. Hearty, however, failed to get in touch with him, and now Commander Byrd, flying at a height of 8,000 feet, has confirmed the suspicion that, despite of legend, the North Pole is uninhabited. As a matter of fact, there is no land to inhabit, only a sea of ice, rather badly cracked, so that the question of annexation cannot arise. Like many other explorers, Commander Byrd went a long way to see very little, and one wonders whether, after his adventure the North Pole will have the same lure for his kind that it has had in the past. It seems a pretty dull sort of place.

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A receiving order on a creditor's petition against Mr. Oscar Asche, the famous theatrical producer, is announced in the London Gazette.

His address is given as Sulgei Farm, Nailworth, Gloucestershire.

The application was made at the Gloucester court, and the order was made on May 28.

Mr. Oscar Asche, who is fifty-four, is an Australian of Norwegian descent, and was trained for the stage in Norway. He came to England, and it was while he was playing Shakespearean parts in the Belson Company productions that he met and married Miss Lily Brayton.

"Kismet," which he produced before the war, was the first of his Eastern plays—it brought a profit of £20,000—but the most successful was "Chu Chin Chow." This eclipsed all records by one straight run of 2,238 performances (five years) at His Majesty's. Mr. Asche was the author, and he and Miss Lily Brayton played the principal parts.

The play, which cost \$5,300 to produce, brought to the theatre considerably more than £750,000. It was seen by nearly three million people.

It has been estimated unofficially that "Chu Chin Chow" resulted in a gain of about £250,000. Three years ago a sum of about £25,000 was stated to have been paid for the screen and music rights.

Later plays, including "The Royal Visitor" and "The Good Old Boys," were failures.

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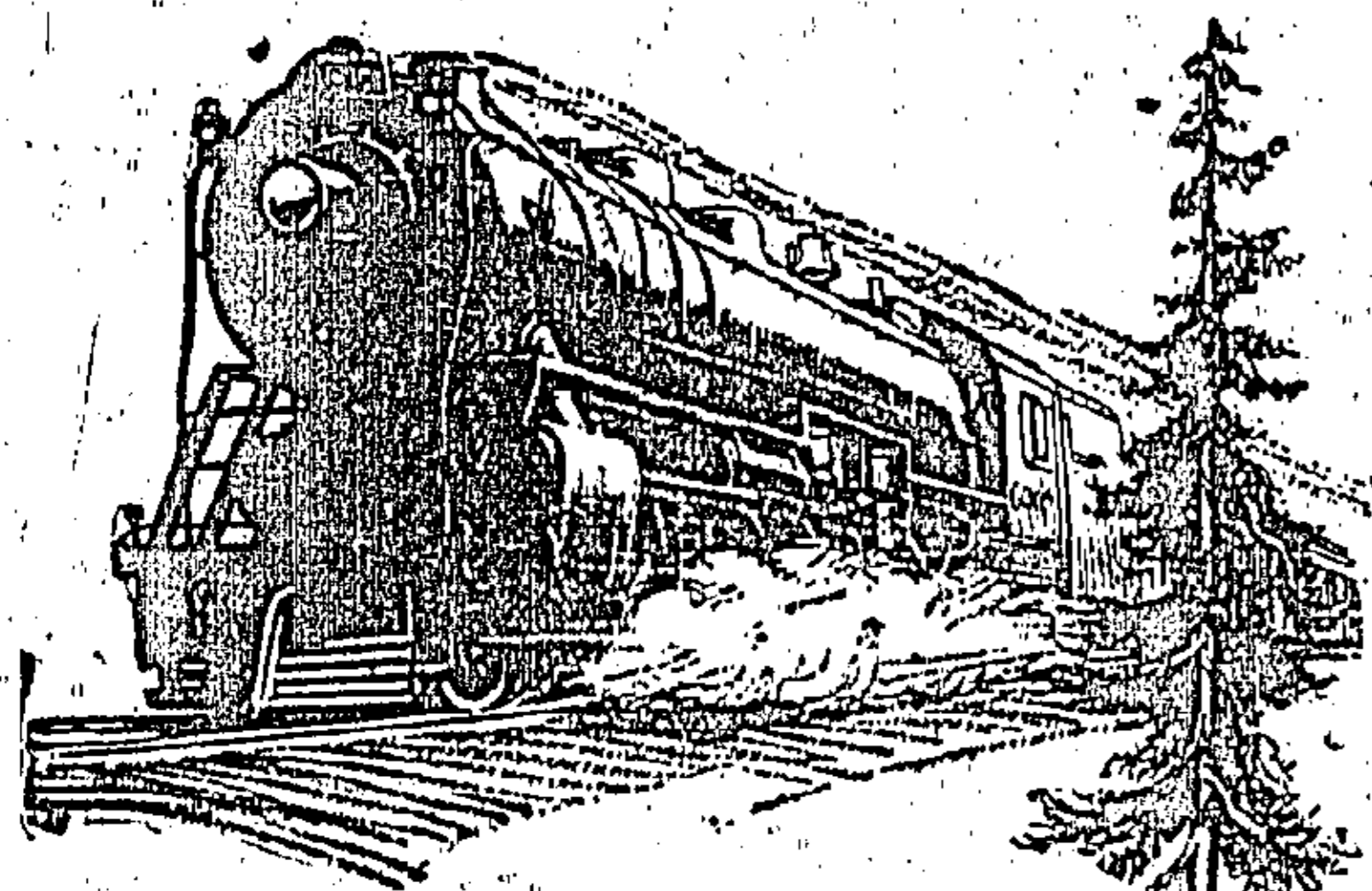
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THE NEW TERRITORIES.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1925.

The report on the New Territories for last year states, in part: Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones was in charge from January 1st to February 8 and from April 9 to the end of the year. Mr. H. R. Butters was in charge during the interval.

Land Office.

The number of sales and other transactions affecting land which took place during the year is set out in Table B.

The number of memorials registered was 2269 as against 2846 in 1924. The fees received as stamp duty amounted to \$3,016.80 as against \$4,546.70 in the previous year.

The development of Tai-po and Yuen Long markets was well maintained. All the house sites on the reclamation at the north-west side of Tai-po Market were built on except one for which the ground has not yet been prepared. The demand for sites in this neighbourhood continues.

Applications have been received for conversion of privately-owned agricultural land near Tai-po Market, Sheung Shui railway station, and some areas between Au Tau Police Station and Mai Po, where in all cases it is proposed to erect buildings of an improved type.

Revenue.

The Revenue collected in this office totalled \$141,862.65.

The following amounts were collected from the district by other departments:

Liquor Duties, Sai Kung,	\$3,976.96
Harbour Dues	3,119.75
" " No. 1 Launch	3,889.15
" " No. 2 Launch	2,549.25
" " No. 4 Launch	2,123.99
Crown Rents paid in Land Office,	2,123.99
Mining, Licences paid in Treasury,	500.00

Prospecting Licences,

Total \$18,807.01

Tobacco duties and tobacco licence fees collected by the Imports and Exports Department are not included.

General.

Crops.—The first crops were fair in most districts, but the second, owing to an almost complete drought, suffered heavily, large quantities having to be abandoned.

Boycott.—The boycott affected this district scarcely at all, the inhabitants remaining loyal and unperturbed. The cessation of supplies of vegetables, pigs and cattle from the up-river districts gave the New Territories a chance of which they were not slow to avail themselves and the fillip thereby given to market gardening will, it is hoped, have a lasting effect.

Conditions on the frontier, however, gave rise to considerable trouble and anxiety, the undisciplined and licentious conduct of the armed strikers extending to acts of violence and robbery committed even within our Territories. British Sha Tau Kok suffered especially in this respect, so much so that on two occasions at least, armed forces had to be summoned to assist: in the first case in August when H.M.S. Foxglove was despatched to recover two junks, laden with merchandise which had been seized by the "strikers," and later in November when troops of the Punjabi Regiment were stationed at Sha Tau Kok in order to discourage the armed pickets, who were terrorizing the inhabitants of British Territory.

The close of the year brought more peaceful conditions, under which the pickets contented themselves with extracting "squeeze" from the local trade over the border.

Both the natives of the district and the Police responsible for their protection are to be congratulated on the remarkable courage and restraint displayed by them under these trying conditions.

The disturbed conditions and the general lack of money led to a great increase in crime, of which quite 90% could be definitely traced to persons coming from over the border.

Kam Tin Gates.

Two functions of great interest took place in the District during the year, the first at Kam Tin in May, when the ancient Iron Gates which had been removed on the occupation of the Territories were restored by His Excellency, Sir R. E. Stubbs. The function was attended by leading representa-

tives of both British and Chinese communities in Hongkong and the New Territories, and undoubtedly did much to cement the bonds of friendship and goodwill.

This was followed in November by a ceremonious welcome to the newly arrived Governor, His Excellency Sir Cecil Clementi, from the Elders of the New Territories, who thus expressed their pleasure at seeing again an ex-District Officer well known to them all.

Public Works.—Table E. Shows the amount expended on these works from the local vote. The year witnessed great progress in the making of the Fanling-Shataukok road, which should soon bear motor traffic throughout its length.

A heavy flood in July caused the collapse of the road-bridge on the Tai-po Causeway. A temporary timber bridge was erected, but is incapable of bearing heavy motor traffic. Plans are in hand for the restoration of the bridge.

In the Police Court 326 cases were heard, 440 persons convicted and punished, seven persons committed, 100 persons imprisoned and fines inflicted to the amount of \$7,830.

Southern District.

Mr. W. Schofield was in charge of the office throughout the year.

The District Officer, sitting as Police Magistrate, heard during the year 201 cases affecting 370 persons: 318 persons were convicted, 44 bound over, 52 discharged and 70 imprisoned.

During 1925 the jurisdiction of the District Officer sitting as Police Magistrate was readjusted, cases from New Kowloon being brought before the Kowloon Magistrate, and all other cases from other parts of the district before the District Officer. In former years serious cases were brought, as a rule, before the Hongkong Magistrates.

Revenue.

The total revenue collected by the District Officer was \$42,538.70. The slump in land values is reflected in the much reduced proceeds of land sales, boundary stones, deeds, registration fees and Crown leases, while the effect of the boycott is seen only in the item of leases of stone quarries. The yearly reduction of Crown rent is due to resumption of land chiefly in New Kowloon.

General.

During 1925, the Southern District on the whole enjoyed a fair measure of prosperity. Both crops and fisheries were good, while the high cost of wood fuel in Hongkong more than doubled the value of the village forests. Certain industries were heavily hit by the boycott, but the losses are by no means general. The slump in land values continues; the boycott had a depressing effect, but this is beginning to pass off.

Tai O.—Business has been good. The fishing season was distinctly better than last year, although the dealers do not seem to have sold much more, as the fishermen took most of their fish to Macao owing to the boycott. All the crops were good, and a large quantity of vegetables were despatched to Hongkong during December. The salt output was 21,173 piculs, 2,209 piculs more than in 1924. The Tai O Market is flourishing. During the last two years the rents have been increased, and now bring in nearly \$150 monthly.

During 1925 there were several serious crimes reported, much the worst being the raid of March 25th by a gang of 60 pirates from the Delta; they murdered a woman, kidnapped two men who have not been seen since, and robbed most of the houses in Tai O, the total loot being valued at \$21,690. They made their way into the village along the creek past Po Chu Tam. Since this event a guard of six armed village scouts has been stationed on the site of the old fort at Po Chu Tam to give warning in case of a future raid.

Cheung Chau.

The island appears to have been more affected by the boycott than any other part of the district. The fishing was poor, because the fishermen feared to venture far from the island last summer, and the salt fish trade was injured by the partial cutting off of its markets: most of the Chinese territory, where they got a better price for their fish.

Disturbances in Kwangtung and Kwangsi led to large numbers of missionaries and Canton residents coming to the reservation. At E. Stubbs. The function was attended by leading representa-

THE COAL PROBLEM.

NO MORE SUBSIDY.

London, July 17.

An influential body of Bishops and Free Church leaders have intervened in the coal stoppage and have drafted a scheme, to which the Miners Executive has agreed, providing that the miners should resume work on the old wages, the Government to continue the subsidy on the understanding that negotiations will be reopened and a permanent settlement reached within four years.

The Bishops requested Mr. Baldwin to receive a deputation. The Premier acceded to their request, but emphasised his refusal to consider an extension of the subsidy and declared that settlement can only be reached between the owners and the miners themselves.—*Reuter*.

THE CANTON CONFERENCE.

TERMS NOT YET SUBMITTED.

Canton, July 16.

The following communiqué has been jointly issued by the British and Chinese Delegations negotiating a settlement of the Chinese-British disputes in Liang Kuang:

"The Conference resumed its sittings to-day at 10.30 a.m. when the Chinese Delegation stated their views on the origin of the British boycott. They refrained from formulating any conditions of settlement pending a reply to their statement. The Conference has adjourned till Monday, July 19."

The running of the launch and the provisioning of the Europeans was for over a month carried out by the Cheung Chau Residents' Association and the Police on the island.

The paddy crop in Lantau was good, and the vegetables fair. The unequal distribution of rain, which mostly fell in a few heavy showers, was a drawback, but the boycott made up for this by enabling market gardeners to get good prices.

There were 192 deaths recorded in 1925 compared with 283 in 1924. The usual grant of \$150 was made to the Cheung Chau Residents' Association for work done in the upkeep of roads and bathing beaches.

Ping Chau.

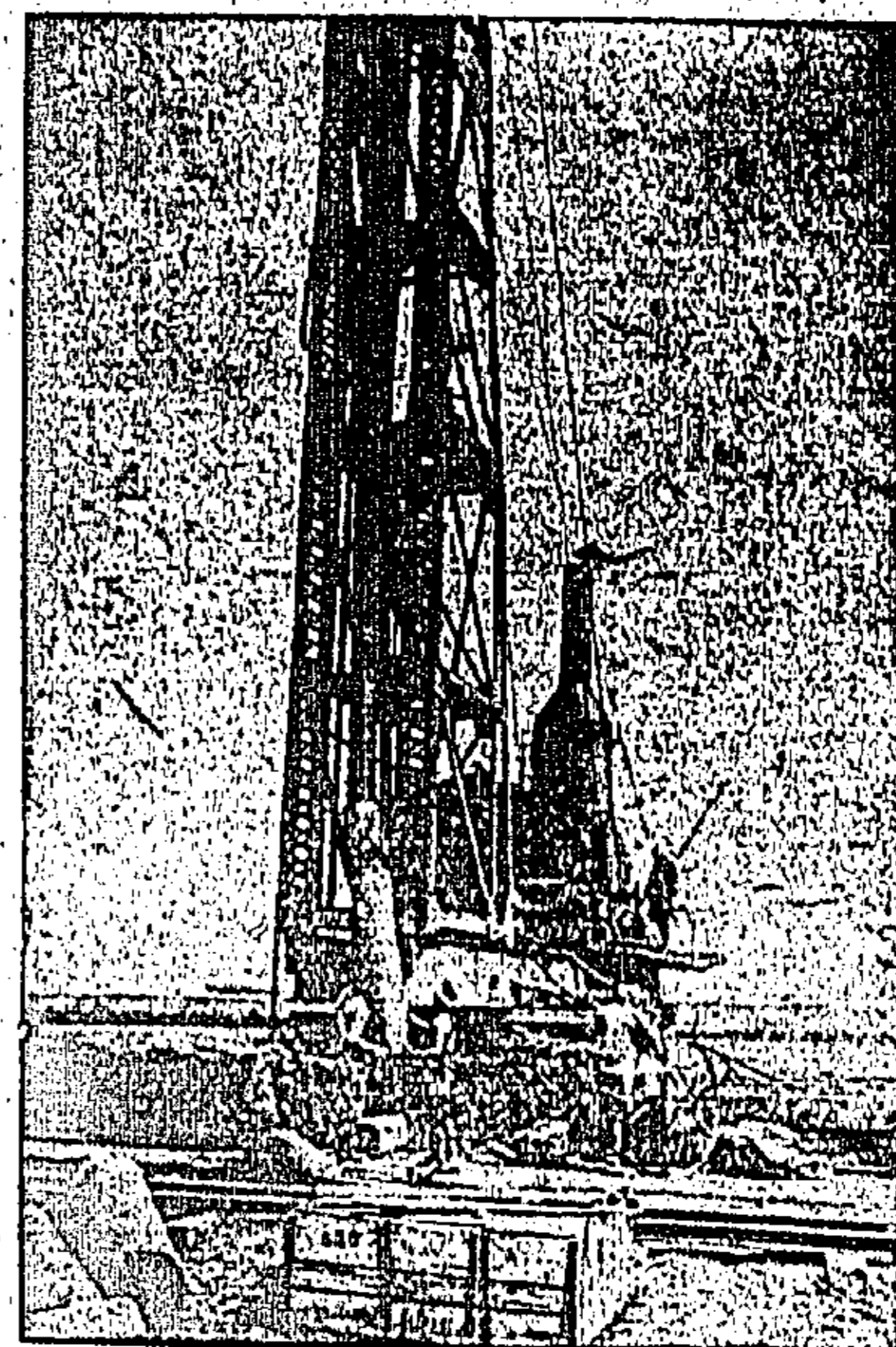
The island had a bad year. The building slump decreased the demand for lime, and early in 1925 a reduction of the price paid for coral led to a strike of coral dredgers. Two months after this was settled a trivial dispute gave the pretext for a fierce clan fight between the Hakkas and Hoklos, which was duly followed by police court proceedings; and a month later the boycott caused the shutting down of all the kilns for two or three months. Since September some have reopened, but conditions are not yet normal.

Tsun Wan.

The paddy crops were much better than in 1924; sweet potatoes and pineapples show a decrease. Fisheries were much better than last year, and better prices were obtained. The boycott has affected certain industries adversely, but has brought increased profits to many. Fish farm produce, pineapples and firewood brought increased prices, pigs in particular being sold in large numbers and at high rates. The vermilion and white lead business has been helped by the boycott, while ginger and preserves factories have greatly increased their output. The Tsing Yi limekilns have been adversely affected, and two large kilns have closed, so that the lime output is only half that of 1924. Beancurd, sandalwood powder, soy and spirits all show a slight decline in output, though prices were maintained at last year's level. A plaster factory run by an American company is now in operation on the reclamation in front of the village.

Work on the Shing Mun access road, begun in 1924, continued throughout the year. This road when completed will give easy access to one of the most beautiful valleys in the New Territory. Lamma island has been peaceful and the crops good, with the exception of bananas. A small number of cattle were exported to Hongkong during the strike when prices were good.

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MARRIAGES AT SEA.

JUDGE'S FINDING CAUSES ANXIETY.

Washington, July 17. Anxiety has assailed the minds of numerous couples married at sea, the validity of whose unions has become doubtful owing to the ruling of Mr. Justice Parker, of that the United States has no the General Council of the Ship-Federal marriage laws.—*Reuter's* ping Board, that Masters of Govern- American Service

ment owned vessels are incompetent to perform marriages.

Judge Parker refrained from expressing any view as to the validity of marriages already performed, though the Council expressed the opinion that they might be validated by the marriage statutes of States wherein the ships are registered.

Difficulty arose from the fact that the United States has no the General Council of the Ship-Federal marriage laws.—*Reuter's* ping Board, that Masters of Govern- American Service

THE WORLD OF SPORT

AMERICAN BASEBALL.

RESULT OF THE MAJOR LEAGUES.

New York, July 18.
The following are the results in the baseball leagues for the past week:

National League.

Saturday.
Cincinnati 4, New York 8.
Chicago 6, Brooklyn 4.
St. Louis 18, Boston 6.

Sunday.
Cincinnati 0, New York 5.
Chicago 1, Brooklyn 2.
St. Louis 5, Boston 1.

Monday.
Pittsburgh 6, New York 3.
Chicago 0, Brooklyn 5.
Cincinnati 7, Philadelphia 5.
St. Louis 6, Boston 8.

Tuesday.
St. Louis 12, Brooklyn 10.
Cincinnati 10, Philadelphia 7.
Chicago 2, Boston 1.

Wednesday.
Pittsburgh 8, New York 12.
Pittsburgh 2, New York 5.
St. Louis 2, Brooklyn 6.
Cincinnati 6, Philadelphia 1.
Chicago 4, Boston 6.

Thursday.
Pittsburgh 3, New York 0.
St. Louis 11, Brooklyn 5.
Cincinnati 3, Boston 1.

Friday.
St. Louis 7, Brooklyn 8.
Pittsburgh 9, Boston 7.

American League.

Saturday.
New York 4, Cleveland 3.
Philadelphia 17, Chicago 14.
Boston 6, Detroit 5.
Washington 10, St. Louis 4.

Sunday.
New York 3, Cleveland 8.
Washington 8, St. Louis 3.

Monday.
New York 2, Cleveland 6.
Philadelphia 6, Chicago 3.
Washington 7, St. Louis 6.
Boston 2, Detroit 5.

Tuesday.
New York 4, Detroit 5.
Philadelphia 3, St. Louis 2.
Boston 1, Cleveland 6.
Washington 13, Chicago 9.

Wednesday.
New York 7, Detroit 6.
Washington 2, Chicago 10.

Thursday.
New York 2, Detroit 7.
Boston 2, Cleveland 4.
Boston 6, Cleveland 2.

Friday.
New York 4, Detroit 3.
Philadelphia 5, St. Louis 4.
Philadelphia 3, St. Louis 2.
Washington 0, Cleveland 5.

Boxing.

LIGHT HEAVY WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

New York, July 17.
Delaney outpointed Berlenbach in a fifteen round contest for the light heavyweight championship of the world.
Delaney was adjudged the winner by the unanimous decision of two judges and the referee.
Berlenbach's weight was 12.13, and Delaney's 12.1.
Berlenbach established a big lead in the early stages of the fight, but after the twelfth round and on to the finish the challenger, although he seemed exhausted and on the verge of defeat, made a great rally. He not only overcame Berlenbach's advantage but provided one of the most sensational bouts of modern boxing.
There were no knock-downs, but each man was staggered by the other's blows, both bleeding.
Delaney's win was most popular.
—Reuter.

BISLEY SHOOTING.

TIE FOR THE KING'S PRIZE.

London, July 17.
At Bisley, Sergeant A. G. Fulton won the King's Prize after a shoot-off between himself, Dr. Kelly, Cadet Vesey and Lieut. Hughes (Artillery), these having tied with scores of 236 points.
—Reuter.

BILLIARDS.

THE PALACE HOTEL FINAL.

The final in the billiards handicap of the Palace Hotel, will be played at 9 to-night, between F. M. da Cruz and G. Moore, both of whom owe 200 points.

LEAGUE TENNIS.

ONLY THREE MATCHES ON SATURDAY.

Owing to the signs of a typhoon on Saturday and the sudden downpour during the tiffin hour, most of the tennis matches were postponed. Only three were played, the Kowloon Cricket Club scoring a double by defeating the Club de Recreio in the B Division and Craigengower in C Division. The other match was between the Civil Service and the Hongkong C.C., the latter winning by 19 games.

DIVISION B.

K.C.C. v. Club de Recreio.
Playing at home, the Kowloon C.C. "B" team beat the Club de Recreio 5-4.

Jack and Gittens lost to Noronha and Prata 5-6; beat Xavier and Xavier 7-4; beat Ribeiro and Remedios 7-4.

Lee and Ford beat Noronha and Prata 8-3; beat Xavier and Xavier 7-4; lost to Ribeiro and Remedios 5-6.

Jensen and McBride beat Noronha and Prata 6-5; beat Xavier and Xavier 6-5; lost to Ribeiro and Remedios 5-6.

DIVISION C.

C.C.C. v. H.K.C.C.
Playing at home, the Civil Service C.C. "B" team lost to the Hongkong C.C. 40-50.

Smith and Bradley lost to Coxon and Mitchell 4-7; beat Lightfoot and Dunbar 6-5; lost to Hugh Jones and Garrard 5-6.

Craig and White lost to Coxon and Mitchell 5-6; lost to Lightfoot and Dunbar 1-10; beat Hugh Jones and Garrard 5-6.

Witchell and Zimmer lost to Coxon and Mitchell 4-7; lost to Lightfoot and Dunbar 3-8; lost to Hugh Jones and Garrard 5-6.

DIVISION C.

Playing at home, the Craigengower C.C. "C" team lost to the Kowloon C.C. 41-53.

Xavier and Clow lost to Atkins and Hanson 5-6; beat Purves and Brown 7-1; beat Peterson and Young 7-1.

Kelly and Xavier beat Atkins and Hanson 6-5; beat Purves and Brown 6-5; lost to Peterson and Young 4-7.

Hanson and Lim lost to Atkins and Hanson 2-8; lost to Purves and Brown 2-9; lost to Peterson and Young 1-10.

LEAGUE TABLES.

Division A.			
	P.	W.	L.
Indian R.C.	0	5	1
Chinese R.C.	4	4	3
Kowloon C.C.	4	3	1
M. B. K.	4	2	4
United Services	0	2	4
University	0	1	5
Hongkong C.C.	0	1	5
Division B.			
	P.	W.	L.
Chinese R.C.	8	8	16
M. B. K.	10	8	12
University	10	6	14
Hongkong C.C.	10	6	14
Craigengower	9	5	13
Indian R.C.	7	4	8
Kowloon C.C.	9	3	6
United Services	7	2	4
Civil Service	8	2	6
Club de Recreio	8	2	6
Netherlands T.C.	9	1	8
Division C.			
	P.	W.	L.
Chinese R.C.	0	9	28
Club de Recreio	7	5	10
Kowloon C.C.	8	4	4
Hongkong C.C.	7	3	4
Craigengower	7	2	4
University	10	1	9

BOY SCOUTS.

PRESENTATION TO ELLIS KADOORIE TROOP.

Sir Henry Gollan's Interest.

No small interest is being taken by Sir Henry Gollan, the Chief Justice, in the Boy Scouts' movement in Hongkong and in order to foster keener interest among the boys, Sir Henry presented the No. 6 Hongkong (Ellis Kadoorie School) Troop of Boy Scouts with a challenge cup to be competed for annually.

The presentation took place at the School Hall on Saturday and after inspecting the troop, the gathering, among whom were Mr. A. E. Wood (Director of Education), Mr. F. J. de Rome (Headmaster), the Rev. G. T. Waldergrave (Scout Commissioner), Scoutmaster T. K. S. Leung, A. S. M. Yu and other masters of the school, adjourned to the hall where a scout display was given by the boys.

Mr. de Rome thanked Sir Henry for his attendance and interest in the troop and then spoke to the boys on Troop efficiency.

Sir Henry Gollan then presented the cup and gave a short address. The singing of the British and Chinese national anthems brought the proceedings to a close.

LOCAL BASEBALL.

EXCITING GAMES AT HAPPY VALLEY.

Exciting baseball games took place at Happy Valley on Saturday, when, South China defeated the Japanese by seven to five, and the Volunteers obtained a victory at the expense of the Philippines by ten to seven. In the former game it was only at the end of an extra inning that South China managed to pull it off. The Volunteers batted finely, and did not experience much difficulty. Among the casualties were S. S. Lee, and Kusano, the former with a wrenched thigh and the other with a sprained leg.

The scoring was—runs:—Japanese—Kusano, 1, Y. Hachidama 3, Maruta 1.

Chinese—Sling 2, S. S. Lee 1, T. Chin 1, Leung 1, June 1, (home run).

In the match between the Volunteers and Philippines the scoring was—runs:—Philippines—Cruz, Leonard (two, one home run), Fernandez, Francisco, Zafra, Rull.

Volunteers—Ralph, Wheeler (2, one home run), Lammert, Owen Hughes, Mckenzie (2), Logan (2) Bowker.

THE CONSUMPTION OF BEER IN JAPAN.

BREWERIES STEADILY INCREASING PRODUCTION.

A rapid increase has been made in the consumption of beer by the Japanese people. Until the time of the Imperial Restoration, beer was almost unknown to the people of Nippon; until about 20 years ago only the people of higher classes indulged in it. But to-day people of all classes use this liquor and the number is increasing every day, says a Tokyo contemporary. In 1918 the country produced 677,249 koku of beer, but in 1923 the output was increased to 805,905. The brewery companies have been increasing their production every year, and have been paying very high dividends.

There are several reasons for this rapid increase in the amount of beer consumed by the Japanese which are of sociological interest. In the first place, it is part of the general movement of westernization. Anything western is glorified and accepted with little discretion. Cafes are replacing the old sake bars; an increase in the number of cafes means a corresponding increase in the amount of beer consumed, for a cafe and beer are complementary to each other. Secondly, beer is more suited as a summer drink than sake which is ordinarily used hot. The latter is preferred to beer in the winter days because of its function as a sort of heating system. In fact a noted sociologist once remarked that the temperance movement in Japan will never succeed unless the construction of houses is so changed that sake as a means of heating human bodies is dispensed with. Beer just out of an ice box is more inviting to the average Japanese than hot sake. Nor will the people take cold sake because there is a strong belief that cold sake is harmful to human bodies.

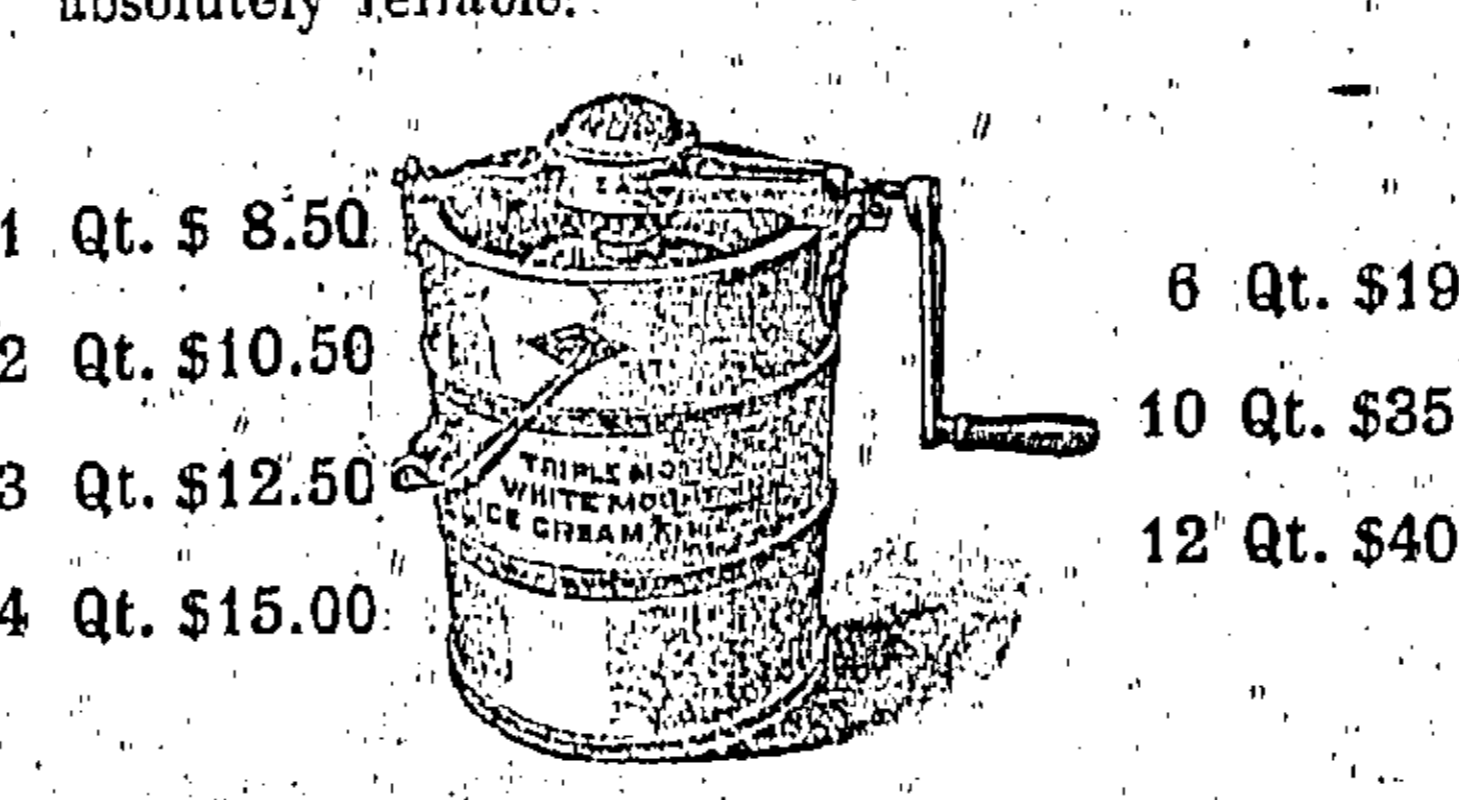
The Government raised the tax on the manufacture of beer during the last session of the Diet, and since last April the price of a bottle of beer has been raised by two sen. This, however, does not seem to have had any effect upon the rapid increase in the use of this liquor. At present the comparatively high price of beer is the only check upon consumption.

An interesting legal point was raised in the case of an East Ham trader whose shop was open for the sale of sweets. He directed a customer who asked for cigarettes, half-an-hour after curfew, to place a shilling in a case of drawers on the counter and take out the packet. Unfortunately the customer was a Shops Act inspector, and the magistrate held that the machine was not automatic, and that there was directive action on the part of the shopkeeper. So the magistrate fined him 25. One wonders whether, if the shopkeeper had had the necessary directions printed on the drawers, a conviction would have been obtained. In any case the law that permits the sale of acid drops for an hour after cigarettes or tobacco may command observance but scarcely respect.

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LAWN BOWLS.

CRAIGENGOWER AGAIN LOSE TO TAIKOO.

With one match in hand and with the same number of points as Craigengower, who have completed their league programme, the Taikoo Club should have no difficulty in winning the First Division shield this year, their remaining match being with Civil Service, which is to be played on Saturday.

For the second time, last year's champion went down to Taikoo. The Kowloon Dock gained the decision over the Civil Service while the Police, who were promoted last year, were defeated by the Kowloon Bowling Green and thus occupy last position.

It seems that Taikoo may score a double this year and their victory over East Point in the Second Division put them on a level footing with the latter and the Kowloon Cricket Club. The Indian R.C. gained their first victory at the expense of Craigengower and the Yacht Club beat Civil Service.

FIRST DIVISION.

Police R.C. v. Kowloon B.G.C.
Playing at home the Police lost to the Bowling Green Club by 20 shots.

P.R.C.		K.B.G.C.	
Tallon	15	Dobbie	20
Condon	15	Beach	20
Sword	15	McLachlan	20
Moss	15	Whitely	20
Logan	15	Whitely	20
Logan	15	Nicholls	20
Taylor	15	Guy	20
A. Clark	15	Farrell	20
W. Clark	15	Hazel	20
Pender	15	Nish	20
Field	15	Holland	20
McCleod	15	Macfarlane	20

Total 45 Total 65.
Taikoo R.C. v. Craigengower R.C.
Taikoo on their own green gained an overwhelming victory over the Craigengower team by 43 shots.

T.R.C.		C.C.C.	
Whyte	15	Neves	20
Grimshaw	15	Souza	20
Morrison	15	Omar	20
Wotherspoon	15	Bradbury	20
McCubbin	15	Musket	20
Peoples	15	Fritz	20
Sloan	15	Fisher	20
Diamond	15	Dennis	20
Murdoch	15	Rose	20
Duncan	15	Rumjahn	20
Peterson	15	Basa	20
Ferguson	15	Basa	20

Total 85 Total 42.
Kowloon Dock R.C. v. Civil Service C.C.
Playing at home the Dock team defeated Civil Service by 14 shots.

K.D.R.C.		C.S.C.C.	
Goodman	15	Bowler	20
Cooper	15	Knight	20
Brown	15	Oswick	20
Lapsley	15	Beattie	20
Lindsay	15	Smith	20
Dechorty	15	Roylance	20
McLaggan	15	Brown	20
Gray	15	Managhan	20
Goodman	15	Holliday	20
Ramsay	15	Gregory	20
Puncher	15	Pendered	20
McKelvie	15	Pendered	20

Total 69 Total 45.
Civil Service C.C. v. R.H.K. Yacht Club.
The Civil Service second team just managed to beat the Yacht Club by 2 shots after a very exciting and close game.

C.S.C.C.		R.H.Y.C.	
Rose	15	Davis	20
Westlake	15	Bullock	20
Lambie	15	Allen	20
Allen	15	Nair	20
Trangrove	15	Ramsay	20
Haynes	15	Brayfield	20
Mansey	15	Russell	20
Luck	15	Waters	20
Archibald	15	Croucher	20

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Total 60 Total 68.
Craigengower C.C. v. Indian R.C.
Playing on the Craigengower green the Indian Recreation Club gained a creditable win over their opponents by 8 shots.

C.C.C.		I.R.C.	
Khanna	15	Nazim	20
Kitchell	15	Haroon	20
Sellwood	15	Esplina	20
Araculi	15	Hartman	20
Bennett	15	B. Bux	20
Jacob	15	Kitchell	20
Alves	15	E. Kitchell	20
Gillard	15	Ismail	20
Lax	15	Hussain	20
Razack	15	Bux	20
Rodrigues	15	Madar	20
Fletcher	15	Ismail	20

Total 62 Total 66.
Kowloon C.C. v. Club de Recreio.
The Kowloon Cricket Club defeated the Club de Recreio by the large margin of 32 shots.

K.C.C.		Club de Recreio.	
Gorvin	15	J. Ribeiro	20
Abraham	15	Sousa	20
Tachi	15	A. Ribeiro	20
Wright	15	A. Ribeiro	20
Edwards	15	H. Sequeira	20
Lammert	15	P. Rosario	20
Gibson	15	J. Brito	20
Overy	15	C. Silva	20
Labrum	15	Marques	20
Robinson	15	Marques	20
Fraser	15	L. Souza	20

Total 75 Total 43.
East Point R.C. v. Taikoo R.C.
Playing at home East Point maintained their second defeat of the season, Taikoo disposing of them by 9 shots.

P.R.C.		T.R.C.	
M. Shaw	15	Maxwell	20
Webster	15	Richmond	20
Whiteford	15	Stalker	20
Hamilton	15	Grimes	20
Samways	15	Warneck	20
Williamson	15	Boyle	20
McKellar	15	Chalmers	20
Baker	15	McKinnell	20
Glover	15	Craig	20
Henderson	15	Wald	20
McTavish	15	Duncan	20

Total 40 Total 17.
The following are the positions in the League to date:

Division I.		P.W.D.L.P.	
Taikoo R.C.	9	7	2
Craigengower C.C.	10	7	3
Kowloon Dock	9	6	3
Civil Service	1	4	9
Kowloon B.G.	0	2	7
Police R.C.	10	1	8

Shots for and Against.
Taikoo R.C. 590 465 125 0
Kowloon D.R.C. 529 479 50 0
Craigengower C.C. 514 505 45 0
Civil Service 501 515 0 1
Kowloon B.G. 471 545 0 7
Police R.C. 493 632 0 130

Division II.
Kowloon C.C. 500 478 121 0
East Point R.C. 500 409 91 0
Taikoo R.C. 549 491 58 0
Civil Service R.C. 531 534 0 3
Craigengower 506 510 0 10
R.H.K. Yacht Club 542 509 0 18
Club de Recreio 475 550 0 31
Indian R.C. 390 548 0 158

Shots for and Against. Up Dn.
Kowloon C.C. 500 478 121 0
East Point R.C. 500 409 91 0
Taikoo R.C. 549 491 58 0
Civil Service R.C. 531 534 0 3
Craigengower 506 510 0 10
R.H.K. Yacht Club 542 509 0 18
Club de Recreio 475 550 0 31
Indian R.C. 390 548 0 158

Washington, June 18.—The coal strike in England has greatly increased English applications for entrance to the United States, the House Immigration Committee was told by Coert Dubois, chief of the Visa Bureau in the State Department. With a quota of 34,000 for the year there have been 93,000 requests filed. He added that in all the European countries combined there had been applications for more than 1,000,000 entries in excess of the quotas.

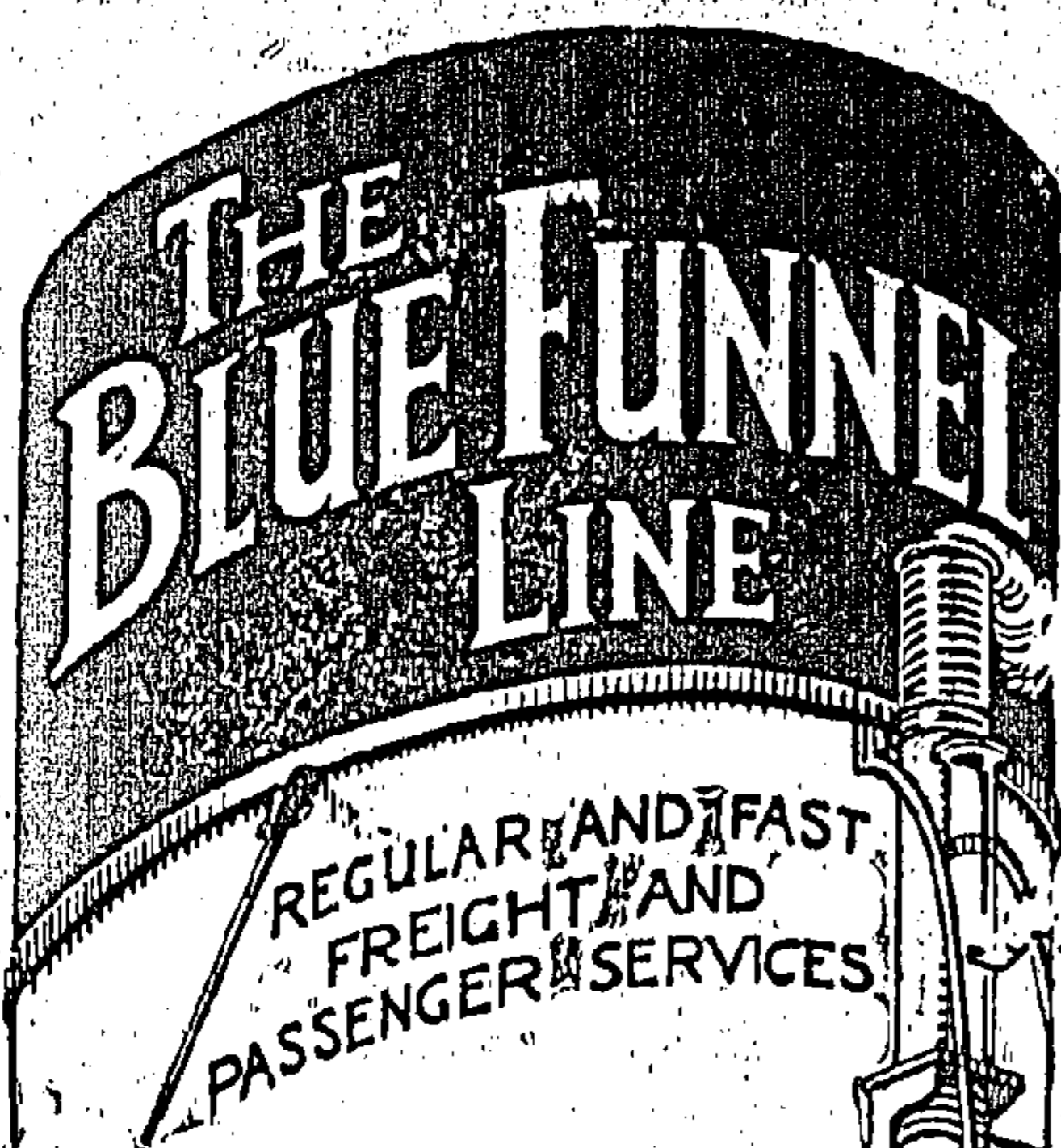
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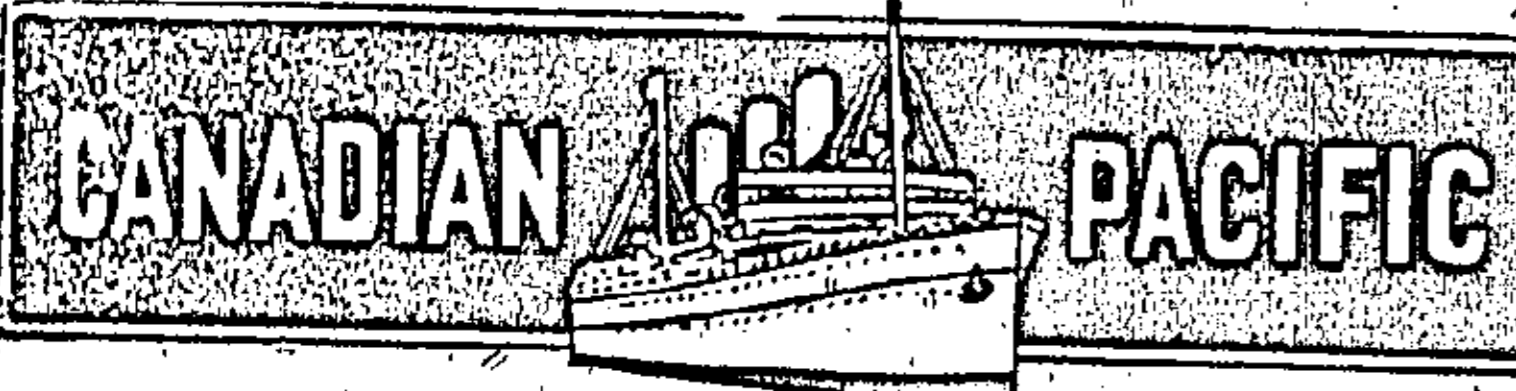
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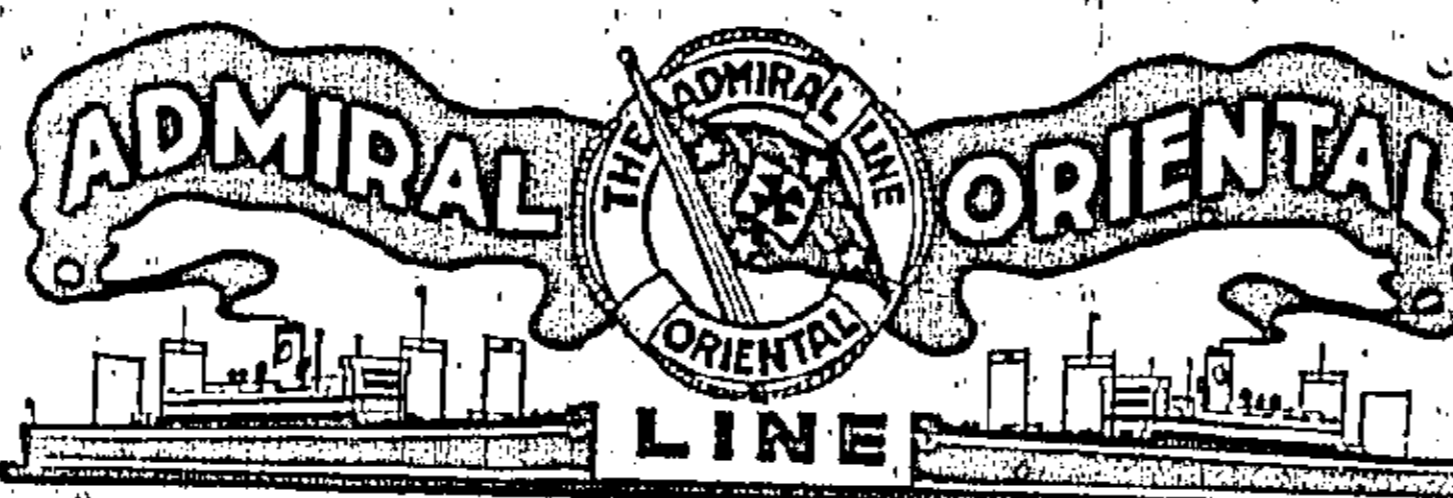
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Two thousand racing pigeons were hurled into the road when the motor-car in which they were being brought from Scotland to Millom overturned in the Kirtstone Pass. The motor-car driven by Mr. A. Whitegood, went out of control when descending the pass. A disastrous collision with a car in front was only averted by the driver's skill, but the vehicle eventually crashed into a wall, and the driver and two friends and the birds were thrown out. None was hurt.

REPORT ON RUSSIA.

EAGERNESS TO TRADE WITH GREAT BRITAIN.

"There can be no doubt whatsoever that the present Government in Russia is stable and has come to stay."

"Soviet Russia makes no secret of the fact that it wants to trade with Great Britain, and that in order to do this a loan or long-term credits, or both, are necessary."

These are two of the conclusions reached by the four Conservative M.P.s who recently returned from a fortnight in Moscow, and set forth by them in their report.

The four M.P.s are Sir Frank Nelson, Mr. Robert Boothby, Lieut.-Colonel T. C. Moore, and Captain R. C. Bourne.

Captain Bourne was detained part of the time in Berlin by illness, and, therefore, while in general agreement with his colleagues, does not accept personal responsibility for opinions expressed on the new economic policy.

The impression received by the M.P.s were in some respects favourable, but they declare that the Russian Government is an autocracy, if not a tyranny, and is a "dictatorship over the proletariat." The strength and position of the Communist Party is, they say, "on the whole steadily increasing."

System of Justice.

"While it is possible," it is stated, "to find much to approve of in the administrative sphere, where great efficiency is to be found, there are two forms of Government activity to which the strongest exception must be taken."

"The justice meted out in the People's Courts has hitherto been farcical. The whole system of justice continues to be based purely on politics. There are grounds for supposing that the judiciary will improve, if the Government sees the necessity for it, but we feel bound to point out that any one having a pecuniary claim within the borders of Russia to-day is unable to look for satisfaction in the courts with any degree of confidence."

"The other form of Government activity, of which we most strongly disapprove, is that carried on by the United State Administration, commonly known as the G.P.U. For the wholesale arrests, imprisonments, deportations, and even shootings, for purely political offences, without any attempt at trial, which we have every reason to believe still go on, there can be no possible justification."

"The abominable methods of terrorism adopted by the G.P.U. call for notice in any review of Russian conditions, however sketchy, and many cases have come to light in the past of attempted espionage by the G.P.U. against British subjects in Russia."

"On the economic side, the greatest single step forward was

the inauguration of the new economic policy in 1921, which at once abolished military communism and established in its place a system of State capitalism, an experiment which has, on the whole, worked well.

Tolerance to all forms of religion goes hand in hand, it is declared, with "a most insidious and widespread propaganda against Christianity; in fact, the methods adopted in certain workers' clubs, schools, and barracks to ridicule Christ and blaspheme his teaching filled us with abhorrence."

There are other extracts from the report:

"Class distinctions as we know them have been swept away, but there exists a class of more or less prosperous civil servants who bear a striking resemblance (it is possible to say this only outside Russia) to the hated bourgeoisie."

"The people are more conscious of what they have gained than of what they have lost."

"Information as supplied to us from many sources tended to indicate that the bulk of the workers and peasants are better off since the revolution than before."

"While the position generally bristles with perplexities, the situation is in no sense dangerous, and the Government is far removed from imminent bankruptcy. The present financial policy is sound and, in fact, almost austere."

"Eliminating the possibility of an external war the future trend of Russia's exports under the methods of the present Government cannot fail to be upward."

"One of the officials of the State Bank summed up the position as between ourselves and Germany—London has the money, but is a disbeliever in our credit; Berlin believes in our credit, but has no money unless she can directly or indirectly receive this via England, which to a certain extent she is already doing."

Competitors.

Meanwhile Great Britain may be losing an immense advantage. We have evidence how her competitors are getting ahead of her in Russia, and once the next decade or so in Russian finance has been successfully surmounted, a chance of making fair terms for those of our nationals whose property was confiscated in 1917 and good terms for any loan the City of London may wish to make may have passed.

"We are of opinion, on the whole, that Russia is capable of presenting a great field for the judicious investment of British capital."

"We were interested to observe an increasing estrangement between the Government and the Third International, the most striking example of which is the fall of Zinoviev."

Appreciation is expressed of the educational and public health systems and the encouragement of

FRENCH CRISIS.

GOVERNMENT DEFEATED.

Paris, July 17.

The Government was defeated by 230 votes to 243 on the motion of confidence.

M. Briand has resigned. The Chamber was crowded for the fateful debate, wherein the Finance Committee submitted a Bill definitely limiting the powers of M. Caillaux. The latter simultaneously submitted his own measure, mentioned last night.

M. Herriot opposed the Government and declared that if the prerogatives of the Chamber were diminished he would resign the Presidency of the Chamber. He made an impassioned appeal: "Messieurs le Gouvernement, co-operate with Parliament. Do not suppress it!"

M. Briand made a statement to parliament, asking it to increase its reputation in the eyes of the country by sacrificing its prerogatives.

The opposition moved to discuss the Finance Committee's Bill which M. Briand announced would be made a question of confidence. After the vote M. Briand announced his intention to resign.—*Reuter.*

Herriot Again.

Paris, July 18.

Fear lest France be placed at the mercy of foreign banks; with the Chamber helplessly gagged, is mainly responsible for the Government's downfall. The majority of the Deputies are opposed to the raising of credits abroad; also the Washington, if not the London agreement. Many deputies jibed especially at the idea of entrusting M. Caillaux with dictatorial powers. In the course of the debate the Opposition quoted extracts from The Rubicon, a treatise in favour of a dictatorship, discovered during the War in a safe in Florence, the authorship of which they attribute to M. Caillaux.

Later President Doumergue accepted the Government's resignation and is likely to summon M. Herriot, who leads the largest party in the Chamber.—*Reuter.*

The Cost Of Living.

Paris, July 16.

The *Echo de Paris* reports that the salary of members of Parliament is to be raised from 27,000 francs to 45,000 francs per year.—*Reuter.*

art. Moscow Soviet Orchestra is "probably unrivalled in Europe." "We suggest," concludes the report, "that the British objective with regard to Russia should be four-fold:—

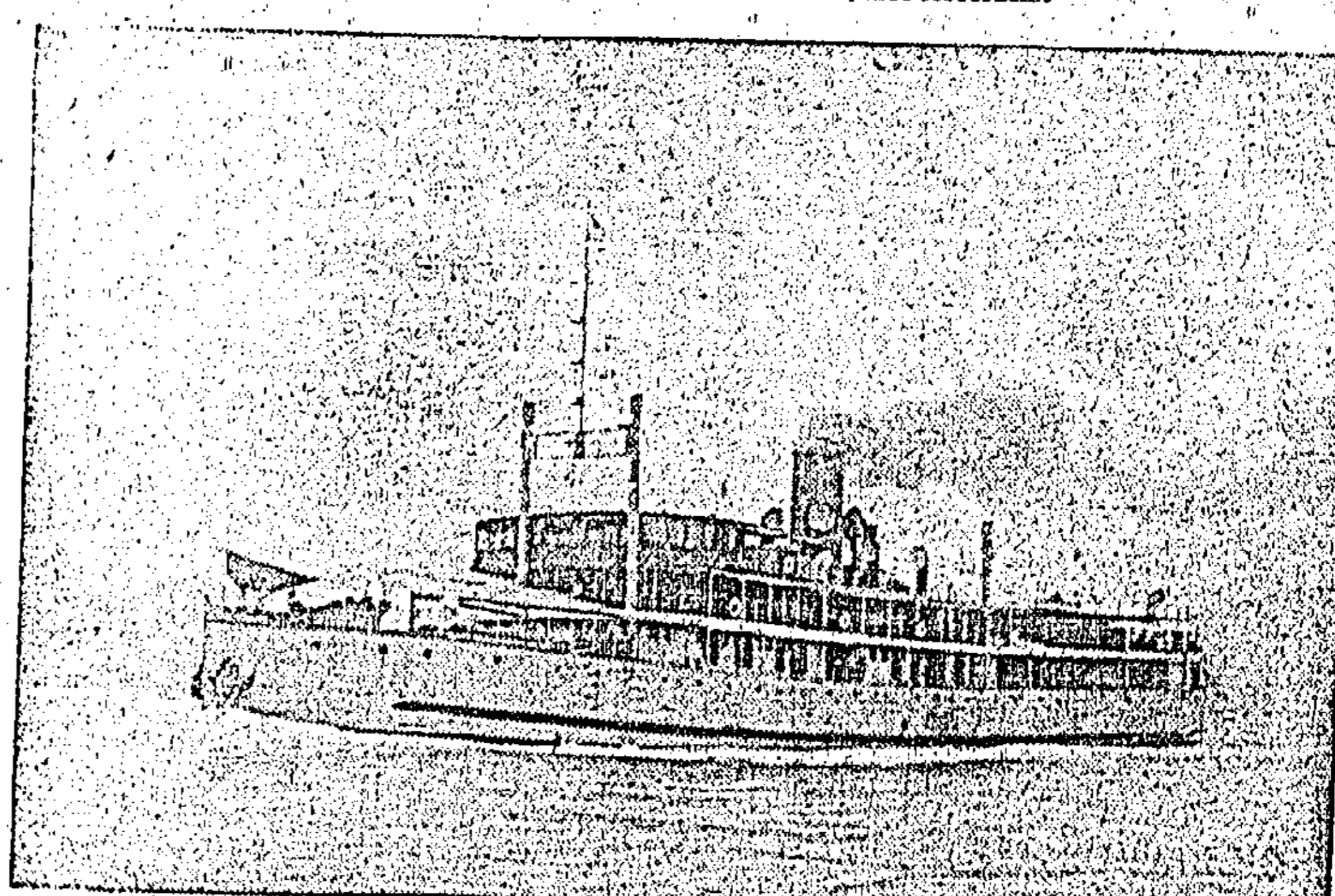
1. To check and ultimately stop anti-British propaganda.
2. To obtain recognition by the Russian Government of pre-war private debts.
3. To get as much money as possible for the British nationals to whom such debts are due.
4. To increase trade between Great Britain and Russia for the sake of our unemployed."

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Any person who is drunk while in charge of any highway or public place of any mechanically-propelled vehicle shall, on summary conviction, be liable in respect of each offence to imprisonment for a period not exceeding four months, or to a fine not exceeding £50, or to both.

These are very much heavier penalties than under the old law, and their infliction is automatically accompanied by disqualification to hold a license for at least 12 months.

Law's Long Arm. Other provisions of the Act relate to false notices of marriage and false statements in connection with the registration of births and deaths, and the penalties are increased.

The time within which a prosecution for giving false information for insertion in a birth or death register may be undertaken is extended to 12 months, and the maximum penalty is increased from £10 to £50. The same penalty applies to false statements as to marriages.

From July onwards it will not be possible for any offender to escape arrest by going into a different country. A warrant issued by a justice for compelling the appearance of a person charged with an offence may be executed in any county or place in England and Wales.

An echo of a famous case last year is found in a clause which gives the superintendent or other officer power to release a person on bail before the charge at a police is accepted.

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The Beyer method, says the "Monitor," is to use two electrically connected typewriters, so that when the typist presses on a key of the one machine, the attached machine writes a letter or sign, which depends upon the position of part of the electric equipment and a guiding wheel. The cryptogram which the attached sending machine has written, is telegraphed to the receiver who decyphers it through his machine, which is arranged like the sending one. By reversing a switch, the electric connection between the two machines is also reversed, so that the message is written exactly as typed on the sender's first typewriter.

The machines have 43 keys, and the number of codes can be multiplied indefinitely.

The more general the use of wireless transmission, with its frequent publicity, the more the new invention will be needed. The Copenhagen Engineering College, the general staff, and the Industrial Council have all rendered assistance and encouragement to the inventor of this machine.

FAMOUS CRICKETER AT EPSOM.

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PORTUGALS' UPHEAVAL.**500 MINISTERS IN 15 YEARS.**

Last week's revolution in Portugal, the effect of which was to place the country in the hands of the military and to lead to the formation of a provisional Government after a conference between General Gomes da Costa and Commandant Cabecadas, was, says the London Observer of June 6, caused, it is generally admitted, by the utter incompetence of successive ministers and the complete failure of Parliamentary Government.

"To understand the position," an authority said yesterday in an interview with a representative of The Observer, "one must look back into the history of the country. During the first seven centuries of this history there were only three revolutions. The country was governed by a succession of capable kings with their Council and the Estates, and it accomplished great things for so small a population: it discovered the road to India; it found and settled Brazil; for a hundred years it dominated the East and only went down before the attacks of more powerful competitors, the Dutch and English."

The eighteenth century saw the introduction of absolutism, initiated from Louis XIV., and the general decline of the national energies. In 1820, as a result of French revolutionary ideas, the old regime was overthrown; and though nationalist reactions took place, after six years of civil war a Parliamentary system was forced on the country against her will by England and France in the name of liberty under the terms of the Quadruple Alliance.

"This system, known as the Constitutional Monarchy, lasted until 1910. The period was marked by frequent revolutions, continual changes of Ministry, and the piling up of a large debt. The material progress offered small compensation for these disadvantages, and the people as a whole neither used nor valued the vote, through lack of education, and because it was not in their traditions."

Constitutional Defects Aggravated

"King Carlos, who had made an attempt with his Minister, Franco, to remedy the failure of the Parliamentary machine, was assassinated on February 1, 1908. The result of this crime was the fall of the Monarchy in 1910 and the establishment of the Republic. The defects of the Constitutional regime have since been aggravated by financial maladministration, by a great increase in officialdom, and by the incompetence of ministers, of whom there have been some hundreds in fifteen years. The mistake was also made of persecuting the Catholic Church, to which over 90 per cent. of the Portuguese at least nominally belong, and of forbidding the teaching of religion in private as well as public schools."

"Parliament, even among Republicans, became a by-word; it

talked but did nothing. In 1917 a dictatorship was established under President Sidonio Pais, which did much to put the national house in order. Dictatorships have been very common in Portugal, and when fruitful are not resented as they would be in this country. The Portuguese need a strong man to induce discipline and bring out their best qualities. President Pais, however, was assassinated, and subsequent attempts in the same direction failed through disunion amongst those who supported them."

"Lack of combination being a Portuguese defect, it is the more extraordinary that the army and navy should now have been able to agree on a plan and carry it out successfully. It is proof of the general conviction that things were so very bad that it was absolutely necessary to sink all personal differences. Fear of the loss of the Colonies probably was one of the causes that brought about this union. Though the Monarchists as such have taken no part in the revolution, they naturally welcome a movement which promises a stable and just Government."

"Its programme (to be carried out by experts) includes a reduction of expenses, more efficient administration, and the reorganization of the public services and armed forces which, while they now eat up about half of the revenue, are ill-provided and inefficient. General Gomes da Costa was second in command of the Portuguese expeditionary force in France, and is a very able and trusted military leader; and the same qualities are attributed to his collaborators."

Two Causes of Anxiety.

"The revolution (directed not against the Republic, but against the politicians) was planned with great secrecy."

"You ask whether there is any fear of trouble arising from any direction. There are two causes of anxiety about the success of this honest attempt to regenerate Portugal. The lower population in Lisbon holds very extreme views and is the main support of the Radical party, which has dominated the Republic from the start. From this class have been recruited the carbonarios and bomb-throwers, who made Lisbon what Barcelona used to be. The second fear is that while economy demands a large reduction of the army, it may be difficult for a military Government to undertake this task without causing divisions and endangering its work. As long, however, as the programme is carried out, in part at least, and disorders in the streets are represented, the great mass of the people, who only desire to be able to work and live peacefully, will be contented. There is no fear for true liberty. Portugal has suffered from the abuse of it."

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Bucharest, Rumania, June 18.—Significance is attached in some quarters to a report from Rome that Michael Manolescu, representing the Rumanian Government, has obtained a loan of 200,000,000 lire, negotiated through the Italian general petroleum agent, under which it is believed Italy will obtain a foothold in Rumania's oil fields. This practically will mean the discarding of the law, enacted in 1924, which prohibited further entry of foreign capital into Rumanian oil fields, except under Rumanian control.

Paris, June 11.—May Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks with their automobiles, dog and canary, are here from Italy to-day. To inquiries about her clothes and jewelry, Miss Pickford replied: "I have been wearing this dress for two years and I don't care much for jewels." She was not wearing any.